GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
TRUTH ALONE TRIUMPHS

2 YEARS OF GOVERNANCE
PEACE AND PROSPERITY FOR ALL

Planned Growth! Renascent Tamil Nadu!

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Greetings

The day the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam's Government that protects Motherland Tamil Nadu, its people and its language, came to power for the sixth time, is May 7, 2021.

In just two years we have achieved magnificent things that no other State in the Indian sub-continent has done; we have made the world turn and take notice of us.

We are implementing welfare schemes for the whole of Tamil Nadu and for protecting each and every citizen. This Government is running an administration for all sections including the poor and downtrodden, the marginalized, the backward and most backward sections, the minorities, scheduled caste and scheduled tribe people, women, children and the differently-abled people.

A huge revolution is taking place in the educational sector. It has made the student fraternity thrive because the streams of education are flowing everywhere. That millions of students are joining Government schools is a cause for great joy. The 'Naan Mudhalvan' scheme is transforming students, both boys and girls, and the youth, into individuals with confidence.

The free bus travel facility made available for women in the State, has given a boost to women, who after all form half of the population, not only in a socio-economic sense but also psychologically. The scheme under which all girl students who studied from Classes 6 to 12 in Government schools get Rs. 1,000 per month to pursue higher education is giving a fillip to women's education. We are to give the privilege amount of Rs. 1,000 to eligible women from the coming year.

World investors are making a beeline for Tamil Nadu. We are attracting new investments by the day. Manufacture and exports are increasing. Tamil Nadu's growth is greater than that of any other State in the country.

In the agriculture sector, the area under irrigation has gone up, and farm production is increasing. In this way, in all spheres like education, medicine and family welfare, labour welfare, tourism and information technology, we have made Tamil Nadu grow through our excellent initiatives. Infrastructure in Tamil Nadu has risen to global standards through road facilities and urban development.

In these two years, we have carved out achievements that are possible only in five years. The period of two years is less than half of the five-year term. But we have made these two years of governance fulfilling. I am glad to see that the 'Tamilarasu' special issue brought out by the Tamil Nadu Government's Information Department, is an excellent inventory of the historic two years of this Government.

The department-wise list of the schemes of the second year serves as a great document. Seeing the schemes department by department, even I feel a sense of wonderment at the number of schemes we have implemented. These constitute the evidence that in the past one year, every department has functioned with great energy.

The articles of 12 personalities that find a place here, are a crown not only to the publication but also to our regime itself. I express my heartfelt thanks to Thiru. R. Balakrishnan I.A.S., Thiru. Balachandran I.A.S., Thiru. Vijayashankar, Thiru. A.S.Pannerselvan, Thiru. Jenraam, Thiru. Suresh Sambandam, Thiru. Suriya Xavier, Thiru. Mathivannan, Thiru. Murugesh Babu, Thirumigu Mathivathani, Dr. Yazhini and Thiru. Surya Krishnamurthy, for articles that appraise the Government's actions in different fields.

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'Dravidian Model rule in the eyes of savants and scholars', 'Special publication for Tamil Nadu Day July 18', 'Educational Revolution of the Century',

‘V.O.C. 150th birth anniversary special publication’, ‘Bharathi death centenary special issue’, ‘Ilakkiya Malar-2023’ are some of the archival special issues brought out by Tamilarasu. In line with such publications, comes this issue of the Two Year Achievements.

If our Great Achievements are evidence of Two Years of Good Governance, this special publication of Tamilarasu is proof of the remarkable successes we have scored. This is not only a publication that must be read, it is a document that must be cherished!

The Dravidian Model Government that scored unparalleled achievements in two years of governance, continues its onward journey in full steam.

Yours affectionately…

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Gateway

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, who embodies in himself, Thanthai Periyar's strength of principles, Anna's humanitarianism and Muthamizharignar's perseverance, is protecting Tamil Nadu and has been working tirelessly to make Tamil Nadu the number one State in India by announcing and implementing numerous welfare programmes in two years.

At a time when the economy was severely affected by the Corona pandemic, the Government of Tamil Nadu proved that it was unique by ensuring that the people were not affected by implementing five special schemes including, Rs. 4,000 relief to rice family card holders, reduction of Rs.3 in the price of milk, free travel for women in Government city and town buses, 'Chief Minister in your constituency' scheme to find immediate solutions to petitions received from the public and Government bearing the treatment cost of people in private hospitals.

The 'Dravidian Model' regime, which has been conceived as development for all, development in all sectors and all-round social development, is implementing welfare schemes for the people like 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam Scheme' (Doctor at your doorstep),

'Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme', 'Illam Thedi Kalvi Scheme' (Education at doorstep), 'Pudhumai Penn Scheme' (for girl students), 'Increase in Pension for Differently-abled Persons', 'Naan Mudhalvan Scheme' (for skilling youth), Pongal gift hamper scheme with Rs.1,000 cash and one lakh free power connections for farmers. To cap all these schemes, is the 'Chief Minister on Field Visit' scheme to monitor whether the schemes have reached the beneficiaries. With such matchless schemes that have been acclaimed widely, Tamil Nadu is moving forward in all departments.

The Government of Tamil Nadu under the leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, who functions as a Dravidian hero by implementing numerous schemes and scoring many achievements, has achieved in two years since assumption of office, more than what is possible of achievement in ten years of governance. The details of all these historic achievements have been compiled by the Information Department, and through the Tamilarasu Press, it is bringing out this special publication on 'Two Year Achievements' .

I affectionately request the people to benefit from this 'Two Year Achievements' Special Issue brought out by the excellent efforts of the officials and staff of the Information and Public Relations department.

2/5/2023

(M.P. Saminathan)

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Words of Commendation

The Government of Tamil Nadu is implementing various schemes to bring prosperity in the lives of the poor and downtrodden. In the last two years, it has announced various schemes for greater spread of education, growth in higher education, greater skilling and welfare measures, issued Government orders with regard to them and implemented them. Because of these actions, many desirable changes are taking place all over Tamil Nadu.

It is very important to document the schemes that have been formulated and the details of their implementation. Documentation will give clarity about the path we have walked, and speeden up the remainder of the journey that has to be undertaken. It is essential to compile the achievements of the past two years, so that we can ponder over them, make them better and polish them further. In that way, a special souvenir that collates in an excellent and elegant manner, all the schemes announced and implemented by the Government of Tamil Nadu in the past two years, is in your hands.

I would like to express my appreciation to Thiru. Mohan, the Director of Information and Public Relations Department, for having compiled the details with precision and presented them with finesse, and to the officials of the Information and Public Relations Department and Tamilarasu Press.

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Foreword

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, who is well aware that a long-term vision and good objectives are needed for a good State, has the great ideal of making Tamil Nadu prosperous in all ways through the implementation of the Government's huge projects. In this regard, the Information Department has great pleasure in collating the achievements of the Government and bringing out the 'Two Year Achievements' souvenir.

In keeping with the saying of the great Thiruvalluvar verse that 'when a rare opportunity presents itself, things difficult of achievement must be accomplished' (Kural 489), the Hon'ble Chief Minister is utilizing his time properly, and to improve the living conditions of the poor, downtrodden and marginalized people, is immediately implementing all the schemes that arise in his mind. This has gained him the acclaim of the people.

I would like to convey my sincere appreciation to the officials of the Press Department who worked tirelessly to compile the tremendous achievements of all the departments under the title 'Two Year Achievements' Souvenir.

I kindly request everyone to read and benefit from this Two Year Achievements Souvenir.

With affection

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Editor's Word

I am proud that the Information and Public Relations Department's 'Tamilarasu' Press has published a 'Two Years Achievements' souvenir by compiling the achievements of the Government under the excellent and matchless leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, who, like the ever-revolving earth, is working ceaselessly with the aim of transforming the present into a golden age.

In keeping with the purport of Thirukkural 665 that the firmness of action of those who have become great will be esteemed by all, our Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu is a unique person who will forever remain in the hearts of the people of Tamil Nadu. The Hon'ble Chief Minister shines as a matchless leader in this way, as after announcing countless great schemes he is implementing them all in a successful manner.

For the benefit of the people, the Information and Public Relations Department has collected the details of all the welfare schemes of the Government that is being run for the welfare of the people of the lower strata of society, and strung the panoply of achievements into a garland.

I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to all the officials of the Information department who have worked very hard to bring out this souvenir of achievements of the Government.

With affection

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Udaiyaanam Vendhark koli. - Kural 390

Beneficence in giving things needed for a good life, benevolence in treating people by understanding their position, impartiality in governance, and caring for the well-being of subjects are the four qualities that redound to the glory of a ruler.

- From Kalaignar's commentary on the Kural.

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

Thiru. M.K. Stalin

Pension

- Monthly pension for freedom fighters has been enhanced to Rs.20,000 and family pension to Rs.10,000.
- The monthly pension given to the heirs of Veerapandiya Kattabomman, Maruthu Brothers, former King of Ramanathapuram Muthuramalinga Vijaya Raghunatha Sethupathi and "Sekkizhutha Chemmal" V.O. Chidambaranar has been increased to Rs.10,000 from Rs.8,500.

Police Department

- 3,949 history-sheeted criminals were detained under Goondas Act. This stern action has aborted the evil plans of many organised criminal gangs.
- Operation "Ganja Vettai" resulted in 9,906 cases and the detention of 13,491 ganja peddlers. 24 tonnes of Ganja was seized and 4,141 bank accounts were frozen. The kingpins of the illicit trade were put behind bars.
- The Enforcement Bureau CID was formed by merging the Narcotics Intelligence Bureau with the Prohibition Enforcement Wing.
- New Commissionerates have been established in Avadi and Tambaram.
- Provision has been made for Night rounds allowance for every member of the force who performs night patrol duty.
- Wards of 1,132 Policemen who lost their lives in the line of duty were appointed as Data Entry Assistants and Station Reception officers on compassionate grounds.
- India Today's State of the States 2022 award was conferred on Tamil Nadu, based on many parameters with Law and Order being the primary one.
- The most prestigious President's Colour was presented by the Hon'ble Vice-President of India to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and handed over to the DGP/HoPF in a function held in Chennai.
- The Fifth Police Commission was constituted to look into the general conditions of services, housing and welfare of police personnel, etc.
- Rs.5 crore has been allocated to purchase security equipment for the Police Personnel who are involved in corona prevention activities.
- An incentive of Rs.5,000 was given to 1.17 lakh Police Personnel engaged in the corona prevention fieldwork.
- Relief assistance of Rs.25 lakh each was given to 84 Police Personnel and 13 legal heirs of Police Personnel who died during COVID-19 duty, at a total cost of Rs.3.25 crore, on 20.05.2021. For the remaining 71 Police Personnel, as per the orders of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, sanction has been accorded to disburse Rs.25 lakh each, at a total cost of Rs.9 crore.
- The 'Marina Beach Life Guard Unit' has been set up at the Chennai Police to prevent incidents of public drowning at Marina Beach.
- The risk allowance given to the police officials has been increased to Rs.1,000 to protect the welfare of the police officials.
- Monthly Feeding Allowance is being paid to the Police Personnel from the rank of Gr. I PC to Inspector serving in Special Units in Chennai.
- New Special Intelligence Units were formed at Thanjavur and Ramanathapuram Ranges. 11 posts of DSPs were created at 11 Ranges in the State Intelligence Wing for the smooth and effective functioning of Intelligence.

New SB CID detachments were formed for the newly formed cities, namely, Tambaram, Avadi, Tiruppur, Chengalpattu and Tenkasi Districts.

- A sanction of 5% special pay was extended to the Police Personnel of the Organised Crime Intelligence Unit in the State Intelligence Wing.
- It was announced that the Police Personnel from the rank of Gr. I PC to Head Constable will be given a day's break from routine duty, every week.
- Yearly Master Health Check-Up will be provided to the spouse of Police Personnel and Special Health Check-Up for Women will be included in the scheme.
- It was announced to sanction Rs.90 lakh towards setting up of police gymnasiums in 38 districts and 7 Corporations (Rs.2 lakh each) for maintaining the health of Police Personnel.
- A special App would be introduced to enable Police Personnel at the district, range and zonal levels to submit their grievances, at a cost of Rs.25 lakh.
- Police Canteens will be established in the newly formed six districts.
- It was announced to enhance the 'Cash Contingency Fund' provided to Police Stations to meet sudden and emergency expenditures.
- The 'roll call' time for the women police has been changed to 08:00 hours instead of 07:00 hours.
- Inclusion of nine women Police Personnel (SI-1, HC-1 and PCs-7) in Core Cell, which exclusively looks after the security arrangements for the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, as an effort to eliminate discrimination against women and ensure gender equality has led to diversity.

Tamil Nadu Fire And Rescue Services Department

- The officials of the Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Department have worked on 19,206 fire accident calls saving 6,275

lives and properties worth Rs. 249.65 crore have been saved.

Welfare of the Employees

❖ To ensure the safety of the employees, 1,850 Fire Fighting Clothing with Helmet and Gloves have been procured at a cost of Rs.55.62 crore. 650 breathing apparatus and 3,500 rescue dresses with safety apparatus are to be procured.

❖ Considering the welfare of the employees, Rs.3.03 crore has been allocated to increase the risk allowance and overtime pay given to them every year.

❖ The benevolent fund to the workers of the Fire and Rescue Department increased to Rs.40 lakh from Rs.20 lakh, the maximum expenditure limit for the sports competitions held at the regional and state level enhanced to Rs.6 lakh from Rs.3 lakh, and risk allowance to the workers of Fire and Rescue Department has been enhanced and risk allowance for the workers of the Marina Fire and Rescue Station has been enhanced to Rs.6,000.

❖ 39 Assistant District Officer posts in the District Headquarters Fire Stations have been upgraded.

Procurement of Modern Vehicles and Equipment

❖ 75 new Fully Built Water Bowser, 12 quick rescue vehicles, 44 water lorries, an aerial ladder platform vehicle, 7 Fully Built Ultra High-Pressure Water Tenders and a small foam tenders have been provided at a cost of Rs.72.82 crore.

❖ 35 water tenders, 27 water lorries, 7 troop carriers and 3 vehicles have been procured at a cost of Rs.46.23 crore.

- 50 drones, smoke extractors, 21 combi tools, 4 pickup vans, 5 air compressors, 10 hydraulic combi tools and a breathing apparatus set compressor have been provided to the Department, at a cost of Rs. 14.01 crore.
- The Emergency Control room at the Directorate of Fire and Rescue Services is to be strengthened at a cost of Rs.3.54 lakh.
- To strengthen the Volunteers scheme, identity cards and stipends are to be given to the volunteers, at a cost of Rs.76.35 lakh.

New Buildings for the Fire Stations

- Rs.34.93 crore has been accorded for the construction of Fire and Rescue Stations at Kancheepuram, Teynampet, Thiruvaiyaru, Kadamalaikundu, Rajapalayam, Sengundram, Manali and Vannarapet, and new buildings for District offices in Kancheepuram and Ambattur.
- 172 quarters are to be constructed in Sengundram, Bodinayakannur, Thuraiyur, Ranipet, Sivakasi and Perumbakkam for the officers and employees of the Fire and Rescue Services Department, at a total cost of Rs.40.63 crore.
- Construction of new buildings for fire and rescue services in Thiruvallikeni, Salem and Srirangam, at a total cost of Rs.16.87 crore.

Maintenance of Fire and Rescue Services Buildings

- Maintenance of the buildings and quarters of the Fire and Rescue Services Department at a cost of Rs,7.04 crore.

Establishment of New Fire and Rescue Stations

- New Fire and Rescue Stations were established in 17 places, namely, Thingalnagar, Kovaipudur, Chinnamanur, Vaimedu, Thellar, Anniyur, Thiruparankundram, Elayirampannai, Kolathur, Kalavakkam, Kannamangalam, Attayampatty, Uthukuli, Ilayangudi, Vaiyampatti, Kumaratchi and

Nainarpalayam, and 4 upgraded Fire and Rescue Stations, namely, Sivakasi, Hosur, Tambaram and Ranipet, at a total cost of Rs.62.18 crore, have been inaugurated.

- ❖ Construction of new Fire and Rescue Stations in Oragadam, Thiruverumbur, Radhapuram and Rishivandiyam at a cost of Rs.7.25 crore and upgradation of Fire and Rescue Stations in Poonamallee and Kilpauk at a cost of Rs.1.06 crore are to be done.

Administrative Reforms

- ❖ Establishment of a Fire and Rescue zone with Salem as its headquarters and as a part of the administrative reforms of the Fire and Rescue Services Department, the southern zone which has Madurai as its headquarters is to be bifurcated such that a new zone with Tirunelveli as its headquarters is formed, are to be done, at a total cost of Rs.13.55 lakh.
- ❖ To strengthen the functioning of the Fire and Rescue Services Department, a new post for Financial Assistant /Accounts Officer has been created.
- ❖ A new post of 'legal advisor' will be established in the Fire and Rescue Department to assist the public prosecutors in legal cases.
- ❖ To induct new technology in the fire and rescue works, regulate the provision of fire licenses to buildings and with an aim to recommend necessary schemes and new training methodologies for the Fire and Rescue Services Department employees considering their wellness, a new commission is to be established.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Fire Service Act, 1985 is to be completely amended.

Establishment of State Training Corporation

- ❖ A State Training Corporation and a world-class live demonstration are to be established in Kalavakkam at a cost of Rs. 39.30 crore.

Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board

- ❖ Through the TNUSRB, the 11,813 vacant posts of Gr. II Police Constable and Gr. II Jail Wardens in the Police, Prison and Correctional Services, and Fire and Rescue Services Departments have been temporarily recruited.
- ❖ For the 444 vacant Sub-Inspectors of Police (Taluk and Armed Reserve) posts, 438 applicants have been temporarily recruited.

Tamil Nadu Police Housing Corporation

- ❖ 2,779 Police Department personnel rental quarters at a cost of Rs.465.50 crore, 29 Police Stations at a cost of Rs.30.63 crore and 8 other Police buildings at a cost of Rs.39.89 crore have been constructed.
- ❖ 168 Fire and Rescue Services Department personnel quarters at a cost of

Rs.28.43 crore, 15 Fire Stations at a cost of Rs.21.50 crore and 2 other buildings of the Fire and Rescue Services Department at a cost of Rs.2.45 crore have been constructed.

- 51 Prison and Correctional Services Department quarters at a cost of Rs.9.71 crore, 26 other buildings of the Prison and Correctional Services Department at a cost of Rs.21.86 crore have been completed.
- Construction of a Sewage Treatment Plant at the Salem Central Prison in Salem District at a cost of Rs.95.79 lakh has been completed.

Enforcement Department

- 49,678 prohibition cases were detected and 49,449 accused including 4,138 females were arrested.
- 4,28,326 litres of fermented wash with a value of Rs.85.66 lakh were seized and destroyed.
- 84,056 litres of illicitly distilled arrack with a value of Rs.33.62 lakh were seized and destroyed.
- 17,671 litres of rectified spirit with a value of Rs.17.67 lakh were seized.
- 14,718 litres of toddy with a value of Rs.2.94 lakh were seized and destroyed.
- 6,40,967 IMFL 180 ml bottles with a value of Rs. 44.10 crore were seized.
- A total number of 1,089 vehicles including 1 Van, 72 cars, 14 autos and 1,002 Motor Cycles were seized.
- 68 notorious prohibition offenders were detained under the Tamil Nadu Act XIV of 1982. (B.L.Act).

Special Initiatives Department

Chennai Metro Rail Limited

- The construction works of Phase-II of Chennai Metro Rail Project with three corridors at a total length of 118.9 km is under progress.
- The Phase-I Extension of Chennai Metro Rail Project from Airport to Kilambakkam Mofussil Bus Terminus covering a length of 15.46 km at a cost of Rs.4,625 crore has been approved.

- DPR for Coimbatore MRTS (Mass Rapid Transit System) has been prepared.
- DFR for implementing MRTS (Mass Rapid Transit System) in Madurai has been prepared.
- Preparation of DFR for implementing MRTS in Tiruchirappalli, Salem and Tirunelveli cities, are under progress.
- To promote multi model integration and public and passenger amenities, Kathipara Urban Square opened beneath the Kathipara Flyover, at a cost of Rs.14.50 crore.
- A part of the "Central Square" project with public amenities on International standards at a cost of Rs.34.22 crore was opened for public use in March 2022.
- The preparation of DFR for extension of Phase-II of Chennai Metro Rail Project from Poonamallee Bye Pass to Sriperumbudur, Thirumangalam to Avadi and Siruseri to Kilambakkam has commenced.
- The Headquarters Building for Chennai Metro Rail Limited (Metros) was inaugurated on 2022.

Welfare For Differently-Abled Persons Department

- Maintenance allowance for 2,36,456 differently-abled persons at the rate of Rs.2,000 each per month, at a total cost of Rs.883.04 crore.
- 2,413 persons were sanctioned allowance at the rate of Rs.1,000 each per month, at a total cost of Rs.2.53 crore.
- 75,428 differently-abled persons have been provided with 23 Assistive Devices such as Tricycle, Battery Operated Wheel Chairs, behind-the-ear hearing aids, etc., at a cost of Rs.125.52 crore.

- Financial assistance for the education of 24,411 students at a cost of Rs.825.14 lakh.
- The "Tamil Nadu Guidelines for conducting examinations for Persons with Disabilities 2021" has been released.
- Rs.201.60 lakh have been sanctioned for 5 Halfway homes, which have been established to provide accommodation to mentally ill persons who have been cured but do not have a family to go back to.
- 10,31,244 UDID cards have been generated and directly despatched by the Union Government to the Differently-Abled Persons registered by the State Government.
- The Government has taken various steps to provide 4 per cent reservation in employment for the Differently-Abled Persons at Government Departments / Public Sector undertakings, Government Schools including Aided Schools, etc.
- All Government and Private establishments should identify the most suitable posts for differently-abled persons and ensure accessibility of the workplace for them. So far, 1,514 private establishments and 2,320 factories have published Equal Opportunity Policy.
- 3,525 posts have been identified as suitable for differently-abled persons and 915 differently-abled persons have been provided job placement in factories and private establishments so far.
- Free travel concession has been provided to the Differently-Abled Persons to travel along with one escort in all the ordinary fare buses operated by the Government of Tamil Nadu.
- Differently-Abled Persons (DAPs) are provided self-employment loans under National Handicapped Finance Development Corporation (NHFDC). In case of timely and prompt repayment of the loans, the State Government bears the interest for the same. 12,399 Differently-Abled Persons have been Assisted to the tune of Rs.55.81 crore.

- A subsidy is provided to Differently-Abled Persons who are willing to start Micro-Enterprises and petty shops with an amount of Rs.25,000 or one-third of the loan amount whichever is the lowest. Through this, 2000 beneficiaries have received loan assistance of Rs.5 crore. 5% of the loan amount obtained for entrepreneurship was given as subsidies to 32 differently-abled persons to the tune of Rs.7.63 lakh.
- Under the employment scheme for the unemployed youth, 67 differently-abled persons have benefitted to the tune of Rs.10.64 lakh for commencing their ventures by way of granting 5 per cent margin money.
- 177 differently-abled persons have benefitted to the tune of Rs.88.50 lakh by way of Deposit borne by the Government, for them to start Aavin Parlour.

- Book binder training is provided to 22 Visually Challenged candidates at the Government Higher Secondary School for Blind, Poonamallee with a stipend of Rs.300.
- One month of training in multimedia and digital photography is provided to the 250 Differently-Abled Persons to the tune of Rs.37.38 lakh.
- The pension for the 4,48,183 differently-abled persons given by the Revenue Department has been increased to Rs.1,500 from Rs.1,000 with effect from January 2023.
- Under the marriage assistance scheme, a Government order has been issued to disburse the whole amount to the differently-abled persons as cash and in 2023, through four phases, to give Rs.2.67 crore to 680 beneficiaries, the funds have been allocated to the concerned districts.
- House site pattas have been issued by the Revenue and Disaster Management Department to differently-abled persons by giving priority to those who are below the poverty line.
- Houses have been allocated to 555 differently-abled persons who are below the poverty line by giving priority based on eligibility, by the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board and to 44 persons in rural areas through the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department.
- To encourage entrepreneurship among differently-abled persons, Government Order was issued to enhance the upper age limit to get tailoring machines from 45 to 60 years and distribute 3,764 tailoring machines at a cost of Rs.1.48 crore. Accordingly, 3,302 beneficiaries between 18 to 45 years of age and 462 beneficiaries between 46 to 60 years of age have benefitted.
- Food allowances for differently-abled persons those who are studying in Government and Government-aided special schools and those staying in hostels run by NGOs have been enhanced to Rs.1,200.
- Under the UYEGP scheme, through the Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and Commerce, in all the Districts of Tamil Nadu, during the year 2022-2023, 96 beneficiaries were given subsidies for micro and small business to the tune of Rs.68 lakh.
- New halfway homes have been built for intellectually disabled persons in 8 Districts, namely, Tirunelveli, Salem, Tiruchirappalli, Kancheepuram, Chengalpet, Namakkal, Thanjavur and Thoothukudi, at a total cost of Rs.91.72 lakh.
- Three new halfway homes have been established for persons with spinal injuries in Thiruvannamalai, Coimbatore and Tiruppur at a cost of Rs.100 crore.
- The monthly honorarium for special educators and physiotherapists in Government-aided educational institutions has been increased to Rs.18,000 from Rs.14,000.
- The best Government and private organisations that have created a barrier-free environment for differently-abled persons have been selected and awarded with two State awards worth Rs.1.60 lakh.

- In all the District Collectorates, sign language interpreters have been engaged by the respective District Administrations for the benefit of the Hearing Impaired (HI) during meetings and important public events headed by the District Collector. For this, a fund of Rs.15,600 has been allocated to each District.
- For the benefit of the differently-abled persons in Chennai, an additional office building is to be established at North Chennai at a cost of Rs.1.51 crore and it has been decided to locate it at the Chennai District Collectorate premises.
- The possibilities to create a barrier-free environment for differently-abled persons is to be checked and implemented in Government Buildings, especially in 790 buildings belonging to the Revenue and Rural Development Department at a cost of Rs.4.74 crore and in 200 tourist places at a cost of Rs.1.20 crore.
- The "RIGHTS" project is to be implemented using World Bank funds at a cost of Rs.1,763.19 crore for carrying out various activities for 6 years. The operational Manual and Implementation Plan of the project and the preparation of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for Screening and Rehabilitation of Children with Disabilities under the age of 18 as part of the Multi-sectoral framework have been initiated.

Mudhalvarin Mugavari Department

- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu ordered the creation of an exclusive Department 'Ungal Thoguthiyil Mudhalamaichar' (UTM) to honour the commitment made to the public during the election campaign that their grievances would be redressed within 100 days from the date of formation of the new Government under his leadership.
- To continue the services to the public, the Government of Tamil Nadu decided to rename the Department 'Mudhalvarin Mugavari Thurai' by integrating it with the Chief Minster's Special Cell, Integrated and Inclusive Public Grievance and Chief Minister's Helpline Management System (IIPGCMS), and the 'Ungal Thoguthiyil Mudhalamaichar' Department.
- 37,97,850 grievances have been received, out of which 36,72,029 grievances have been resolved.
- Also, as new initiative, quality monitoring cells have been created at the State CM Helpline and District Collectorates in all districts.
- It is ensured that the petitions which have not been resolved properly are re-examined by the higher officers and resolved accordingly. So far, 1,13,442 grievances have been redressed.
- Educational assistance of Rs.50,000 each to 48 poor students to the tune of Rs.24 lakh has been provided from the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund.

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The Hon'ble Chief Minister personally visited the All-Women Police Station at Anna Salai on 08.03.2023 and extended his Womens' Day Greetings.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** received petitions from the Differently- Abled persons at District Collectorate, Madurai - 06.03.2023.

Irrigation Projects including small Irrigation, Legislative Assembly, Governor and Ministry, Elections and Passports, Minerals and Mines

Hon’ble Minister for Water Resources

Thiru. Duraimurugan

Water Resources Department

- Mettur Dam was opened for Kuruvai irrigation in Cauvery delta and sufficient water reached upto tail end area.
- Mullai Periyar Dam remained for 18 days at the level of 142 ft.
- 678 desilting works for Rs.66.90 crore were carried out for a length of 4213.54 Km in Cauvery Delta area.
- 683 desilting works for Rs.80 crore were carried out for a length of 4964.11 Km in Cauvery Delta area.
- 56 desilting works for Rs.3 crore were carried out in Bhavani, Amaravathi and Parambikulam Aliyar sub basins in Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Erode and Karur Districts.

- 125 desilting works for Rs.4 crore were carried out in Parambikulam Aliyar Project Irrigation Channels in Coimbatore and Tiruppur Districts.
- 10 desilting works for Rs.2.95 crore were carried out in channels in Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi, Madurai and Kanniyakumari Districts.
- 8 flood mitigation works for widening of Adyar and Kosasthalaiyar, Improvements of water ways and formation of Drains for Rs.250 crore are under implementation.
- Emergency Network of Flood carrier channel works in Chennai and Chengalpattu Districts for Rs. 184.22 crore are under implementation.
- Emergency Flood Relief works in Adayar River near Tambaram in Kancheepuram and Chengalpattu District for Rs.70.05 crore are under implementation.
- Diversion of flood surplus water from Mettur Dam to dry tanks in Sarabanga Basin in Salem District by Lift Irrigation for Rs.565 crore to ensure an ayacut of 4,238 acres is under implementation.
- Rehabilitation of 906 tanks and 181 Anaicuts and construction of 37 Artificial Recharge wells for Rs.649.55 crore in 16 sub-basins are under implementation.
- Rehabilitation of flood affected 57 tanks and 2 Main Irrigation Channels under retroactive funding of World Bank in TNIAMP, for Rs.43.63 crore have been taken up.
- Phase I: Rehabilitation of 1,325 tanks, 107 Anaicuts, and 42 artificial recharge wells in 18 sub basins for an amount of Rs.743.56 Crore have been taken up.
- Phase II, Phase III and Phase IV: Rehabilitation of 341 tanks and 67 Anaicuts / Bed dams and construction of 16 Artificial Recharge wells, Rehabilitation of 110.10 Km channels and 11 Canals for Rs.461.99 crore in 17 sub basins are under implementation.

Repair, Renovation and Restoration of water bodies (RRR-PMKSY- HKKP)

- Rehabilitation of 83 tanks for Rs.46.81

crore were completed and Rs.23.103 crore obtained from Union Government.

- Under Phase V, VI, VII & VIII Rehabilitation of 309 tanks for Rs.258.97 crore are under implementation and Rs.29.67 crore obtained from Union Government.
- Tamirabarani, Karumeniyar, Nambiyar link Canal Scheme for Rs.933.23 crore to benefit an ayacut of 56,932 acres in Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi Districts has been included under PMKSY- AIBP and is under implementation.

Extension, Renovation and Modernization of irrigation infrastructures in Cauvery Basin (ERM).

- Extension, Renovation and Modernization of irrigation infrastructures in Cauvery Sub-basin for Rs.3,384 crore are under implementation.
- Extension, Renovation and Modernization works in Grand Anaicut Canal system for Rs.1,036.70 crore are under implementation.
- Extension, Renovation and Modernization works in Keezh Bhavani Project for Rs.933.10 crore are under implementation.
- Extension, Renovation and Modernization works in Kattalai High Level Canal Irrigation system for Rs.335.50 crore was completed.
- Extension, Renovation and Modernization works in Rajavoikkal Irigation system for Rs. 184 crore was completed.
- Construction of a new regulator across Southern and Northern arms of the Kollidam River at revised cost of Rs.414 crore under NABARD assistance was completed, benefitting an ayacut of 12,58,460 acres in 7 Districts.
- Ministry of Jal Shakti, Union Government, conferred National Water award to Tamil Nadu as "Third Best State in Water Management".
- 4 Irrigation structures viz., Kalingarayan Anaicut, Grand Anaicut (Kallanai Dam). Lower Anaicut and Veeranam Tank got global recognition as "World Heritage Irrigation Structures" by the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID).

- International Association for Hydro-Environmental Engineering and Research-Asia and Pacific Division presented "Water Heritage Award" to Kallanai dam on 15.12.2022 at Chennai.
- Central Board of Irrigation & Power Award under the category "Best Maintained Structure (50+years)" was awarded to Katchamangalam Anaicut in Thanjavur District on 03.03.2023 at New Delhi.

Legislative Assembly

- Centenary Celebrations of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly and Unveiling the Portrait of Former Chief Minister Muthamizharignar Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi was held at the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, Secretariat, Chennai, on 02.08.2021. The Hon'ble President of India unveiled the portrait of former Chief Minister Muthamizharignar Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi and released the special Souvenir to commemorate the Centenary Celebrations of the Tamil Nadu Legislature.
- For the first time in the history of Tamil Nadu, the Budgets were presented in electronic mode as paperless e-Budgets in the House.
- Necessary arrangements were made in the Touch Screen Tablet Devices provided to the Hon'ble Ministers and Members to enable viewing of Budgets in PDF format by them.
- All-in-one PCs were provided to all Members for use in the E-Seva centres functioning in the Members of Legislative Assembly Constituency Offices.
- An initiative will be undertaken to completely digitize the entire documentary archives and records of this historic house from its inception in 1921, at a cost of Rs. 2.17 crore.
- The live telecast of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly proceedings through Doordarshan and Tamil Nadu Cable TV's landing channel.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister's speech in the third Session of the 16th Assembly of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly was telecasted live.
- On 06.01.2022 and 07.01.2022, Questions Hour was telecasted live for the first time. In addition, the Hon'ble Chief Minister's reply to the debate on the Hon'ble Governor's address was live telecasted on 07.01.2022. The videos of these sessions were also provided to social media such as YouTube, Twitter and Facebook through Information and Public Relations Department.

- The special session convened on 08.02.2022 for NEET exemption was also telecast live throughout. In addition, the proceedings of the Assembly Sessions from 18.03.2022 to 24.03.2022, from 06.04.2022 to 10.05.2022, from 17.10.2022 to 19.10.2022 and from 09.01.2023 to 13.01.2023 were also telecasted live. Further, an exclusive YouTube Channel for Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly was started on 04.05.2022 for a live telecast of the proceedings of the House.
- Aavin Parlour has been established near the main entrance of the Members of Legislative Assembly Residential Complex.
- A Shuttle court, new Parks adjoining Members of the Legislative Assembly Residential Complex, new Storm water drain with platforms, and the road linking Swami Sivananda Salai and Walajah Salai works were executed at the cost of Rs.4.29 crore.
- Repair works in all the Members of Legislative Assembly Quarters at a cost of Rs.99.48 lakh.
- Installation of a New Lift in the Annexure Building of Members of Legislative Assembly Quarters and the connected works are being carried out by Tamil Nadu Housing Board, at a cost of Rs.1.83 crore.
- The presentation of the Financial Budget and Agriculture Budget for the year 2023-2024 in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly was streamed live in the National e-Vidhan Portal. Live streaming of Question Hour is also being done.
- The proceedings of the Assembly sessions from 18.03.2022 to 24.03.2022, from 06.04.2022 to 10.05.2022, from 17.10.2022 to 19.10.2022 and from 09.01.2023 to 13.01.2023 were also live telecasted.
- Action is being taken to live telecast the proceedings of the current Assembly session from 20.03.2023 to 21.04.2023. Further, the proceedings of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of online gambling and Regulation of online games Bill, 2022 passed again unanimously by the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly were also live telecasted.
- Order has been issued for Rs.65 lakh to install 84 CCTV cameras at Members of Legislative Assembly Residential Quarters for the security of the Members of Legislative Assembly with 30 days backup by ELCOT and the works have been completed.
- Construction of an Arch with a Majestic look with the Title of "MLAs Residential Complex" in Tamil, to demarcate the precincts of the House and decorate the entrance to Quarters at Swami Sivananda Salai at a cost of Rs.11 lakh.
- Shifting of 6 Transformers from Members of Legislative Assembly Residential and Ex-Legislators Hostel for uninterrupted power supply at a cost of Rs.94.80 lakh.

Minerals and Mines

- Revenue generated from mineral resources is Rs.1212.87 crore during the financial year 2021-2022 and Rs.1,572.84 crore (Tentative) in the financial year 2022-2023.
- An amendment has been made in the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959 by the Government by inserting Rule 44 for extraction of Earth in ryotwari lands for improvement of agricultural lands on short term basis. Provision has been made under this rule for extracting earth from the patta lands for a period not exceeding 3 months. Provision has been made under this rule only for the brick kiln owners for

extraction of the brick earth under payment of seigniorage fee for the betterment of agricultural land through which crop production will be enhanced.

- ❖ An amendment has been made in the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959 to prohibit mining / quarrying activities from the radial distance of 300 mts from the Ancient Monuments Tamil Inscriptions, Samanar Beds and Archaeologica sites.
- ❖ The Green fund has been created to secure and restore the abandoned quarries and mines - for reclamation, restoration, and rehabilitation of abandoned quarries / mines in 36 Districts. An amount of Rs.45.27 crore have been collected as green fund.
- ❖ Geo-park is establishing to protect the rare heritage in the district of Perambalur.
- ❖ An amendment has been made in the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959 by inserting Rule 12(2)(a) for desilting and quarrying Clay, Silt and Gravel from the beds of tanks, channels and reservoirs that are notified by the district collectors in the State including Chennai, Kancheepuram and Tiruvallur districts. Persons engaged in pottery are allowed to quarry not less than 60 cbm of clay, silt, and gravel, farmers are allowed to quarry not less than 185 cbm of Clay, Silt, and Gravel per hectare of wet lands and for betterment of agricultural lands, farmers are allowed to quarry not less than 222 cbm of Clay, Silt and Gravel per hectare of dry lands on free of charges and for other domestic purposes, public are allowed to quarry 30 cbm of Clay, Silt and Gravel on free of charges.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Minerals Limited (TAMIN) has signed a MoU with IREL on 09.01.2023 for mining and processing of beach sand minerals in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources for setting up of two mineral processing units which would fetch revenue of Rs.3,000 crore per annum.

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Municipal Administration, Urban and Water Supply

Hon'ble Minister for Municipal Administration
Thiru. K.N.Nehru

Directorate of Municipal Administration

- Staff pattern in Corporations & Municipalities has been revised according to their grades.
- With the vision to form Garbage Free Cities, the "City Solid Waste Action Plan" has been finalised under SBM 2.0 at a cost of Rs.2,540.25 crore and implemented.

Kalaignar Nagarpura Mempattu Thittam

- Development of basic infrastructure in Municipalities and Town Panchayats at a cost of Rs.1,000 crore.
- 1,164 works in municipalities at a cost of Rs.1,153.19 crore, under the "Kalaignar Nagarpura Mempattu Thittam".

Namakku Naame Thittam

- Under the Namakku Naame Thittam, 384 works including constructing roads, rejuvenation of water bodies and setting up parks are to be done at a cost of Rs.120.56 crore.

Tamil Nadu Urban Employment Scheme

- Job cards have been issued to 2,04,860 persons and 8,71,006 man-days have been generated so far, at an allocation of Rs. 75 crore.

Library cum Knowledge centres

- Under the Kalaignar Nagarpura Mempattu Thittam, Capital Grant Fund and Smart City, 77 Library cum Knowledge centres at a cost of Rs.153.97 crore are being constructed.

Rejuvenation of water bodies

- Works are taken up for the rejuvenation of 313 water bodies at an estimated cost of Rs.258.06 crore in 14 Corporations and 121 Municipalities under Kalaignar Nagarpura Mempattu Thittam, Namakku Naame Thittam, AMRUT 2.0., German Development Bank, KfW, CGF and 15th CFC.

Modern Crematorium

- In Corporations and Municipalities, the construction of 18 new Crematoriums at an estimated cost of Rs.24.74 and modernisation of 70 Crematoriums at an estimated cost of Rs.91.19 crore.

Construction and Renovation of toilets

- Construction of 162 new Community Toilets at a cost of Rs. 64.80 core and 49 new Public Toilets at a cost of Rs.81.96 crore. Renovation of 446 toilets at a cost of Rs. 17.52 crore under CGF and construction of 110 new Community Toilets / Public Toilets at a cost of Rs.28.47 crore sanctioned under SBM 2.0.

Removal of legacy waste

- 369 acres of land have been reclaimed so far under Bio-mining. Green spaces are being established in the reclaimed land by planting trees at a cost of Rs. 1.72 crore.
- Bio-mining works have been taken up in Madurai and Tiruchirappalli corporations at a cost of Rs.70.75 crore and in18 Municipalities at a cost of Rs.41.77 crore to clear the legacy wastes.

Renovation of parks

- Under the Kalaignar Nagarpura Mempattu Thittam, Namaku Naame Thittam, CGF and 15th CFC, 307 parks are being renovated at a cost of Rs.155.30 crore.

Street lights

- With the vision to set up energy-efficient street lights in Urban areas, 1,11,327 new street lights have been installed and the conversion of 3,49,599 entity street lights into Energy efficient lights has been made at a cost of Rs.577.66 crore.

Markets

- Construction of 64 new Markets under CGF, Kalaignar Nagarpura Mempattu Thittam and General fund, and renovation of 32 markets at a cost of Rs. 88.65 crore have been taken up under KNMT and General fund.Construction of 53 new Markets and renovation of 13 markets at a cost of Rs. 259.35 crore.

Roads

- 710 new road works at a cost of Rs. 277.66 crore and 7,064 road renovation works at a length of 1,230.38 km at a cost of Rs. 884.37 crore under Kalaignar Nagarpura

Mempattu Thittam, CGF, 15th CFC and Model City.

Bus stands

- Construction of 29 new bus stands at a cost of Rs.794.76 crore under I&A and renovation of 23 bus stands under Kalaignar Nagarpura Mempattu Thittam.

Water Supply

- To fulfil the drinking water needs of the Urban Local Bodies, water supply works have been taken up in 23 Municipalities and Corporations at an estimated cost of Rs.1,052.26 crore under AMRUT 2.0.

Directorate of Town Panchayats

NABARD

- Under NABARD programme 351 Road works and 11 bridges were taken up at a cost of Rs. 401.40 crore.

Tamil Urban Road Infrastructure Programme

- Under Tamil Nadu Urban Road Infrastructure Programme, 295 Road works were taken up at a cost of Rs.164.20 crore covering a length of 239.46 km.
- Under Tamil Nadu Urban Road Infrastructure Programme, 107 Road works were taken upat a cost of Rs. 74.26 crore covering a length of 110.02 km.

Capital Grant Fund

- Under CGF, works at an estimated cost of Rs. 388.16 crore.

Operation and Maintenance gap filling fund

- Under the Operation and Maintenance gap

filling fund,works taken up at a cost of Rs.140.39 crore.

15th Finance Commission Grant

❖ 15th Finance Commission grant works under Tied Grant amount of Rs.252.12 crore and for Untied Grant amount of Rs.168.07 crore.

PMAY (U)- Housing for All

❖ Under Prime Minister's Awas Yojana (Urban) Housing for All, 11,514 houses have been approved.

National Urban Livelihoods Mission

❖ Under NULM, Rs.2.57 crore has been allotted for the identification of street vendors survey in order to improve the livelihood of 228 Street Vendors of Velankanni Town Panchayat of Nagapatinam District, vending carts at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.88 crore are provided.

PM-SVANidhi

❖ Under PM-SVANidhi Street Vendors 68,358 Street Vendors' details have been uploaded to the PMSVANidhi website and the loan was disbursed to 34,325 street vendors.

Kalaignar Nagarpura Mempattu Thittam

❖ Under Kalaignar Nagarpura Mempattu Thittam, 1,091 works have been taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.939.61 crore.

Namakku Naame Thittam

❖ Under Namakku Naane Thittam, 575 works like laying Roads, Rejuvenation of water bodies and park development are taken up at an estimated cost of Rs. 65.40 crore.

Tamil Nadu Urban Employment Scheme

❖ Under Tamil Nadu Urban Employment Scheme, 6,01,811 person days have been generated from 192 works in 37 town panchayats at an estimated cost of Rs.27.75 crore.

AMRUT 2.0

❖ Under AMRUT 2.0 water supply works improvement of parks and rejuvenation of Water bodies works have been taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.1,740.34 crore.

Metal Beam Crash Barriers

❖ In order to prevent accidents in hilly area roads of the Nilgiris District approval has been accorded for Metal Beam Crash Barriers at an estimated cost of Rs.5.06 crore under Kalaignar Nagarpura Mempattu Thittam.

Street lights

❖ Tender has been called for the conversion of existing 2,66,953 street lights into Energy Efficient LED Lights in 439 Town Panchayats at an estimated cost of Rs.155.56 crore under the State Urban Infrastructure Development Fund.

Swachh Bharath Mission 2.0

❖ Under SBM 2.0, 41,858 individual household toilets, 190 community toilets, 113 urinals,107 Biomining, 8 used water management works, 10 septage management works, 354 wet waste processing works 354 and 313 dry waste processing works at a cost of Rs.250.84 crore.

Covid-19 Prevention and Control

❖ Prevention and Control of COVID-19 activities were carried out in all the Town Panchayats with financial assistance of Rs. 7.07 crore.

Awards

❖ On the occasion of the Independence Day

Celebration, Hon'ble Chief Minister's Award was given to Karunguzhi, Kanniyakumari and Sholavandan Town Panchayats.

Compassionate ground appointments

- Compassionate ground appointments have been issued to 78 legal heirs of deceased employees in the Town panchayats administration.

Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply And Sewerage Board

- The CMWSS Board for the first time in the past 43 years, commenced supplying 1,000 MLD of water to the citizens of the city in August 2021.
- CMWSSB has carried out a mass desilting programme in the entire sewer system as a precautionary measure before the onset of monsoon.
- Further, in 801 thickly populated streets, 258 desilting machines, 142 jet rodding machines and 54 super suckers were engaged in the mass cleaning of sewage pipes and desilting of machine holes.
- CMWSSB took all the efforts to clear the stagnated rainwater in the inundated places of the city during the North-East Monsoon 2021, by engaging 59 sucker machines, 142 jet rodding machines to clean the obstruction in the sewer system, 260 desilting machines and 2,000 field workers in the flood mitigation works.
- Further to clear the water flooding into the households and to ensure public health, additional 110 sewer lorries from other districts and 219 dewatering pumpsets were engaged to clear the water.

Schemes inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

- The water supply schemes in the added areas of Chennai city viz. Edayanchavadi, Sadayankuppam, Kadapakkam, Mathur and Jalladampettai at a cost of Rs.107.74 crore have been completed and put into public use.
- An additional sewage pumping station at Nilamangai Nagar, Alandur at a cost of Rs.25.52 crore has been completed and put into public use.
- Construction of 10 lakh litre Capacity Modular Sewage Treatment Plant along the Left Bank of Coovum River at Chetpet in Chennai city under CRRT fund.
- Hon'ble Minister for Municipal Administration has commenced the work of

the Under Ground Sewerage Scheme (UGSS) to Madipakkam at a cost of Rs.256.90 crore.

- Administrative approval was accorded for a Comprehensive water supply scheme to Neelangarai and Semmenchery at a cost of Rs.112.67 crore.
- Administrative approval accorded for the implementation of UGSS to the 16 added areas viz., Injambakkam, Kottivakkam, Palavakkam, Neelangarai, Okkiyam-Thoraipakkam, Nandhambakkam, Puzhal, Mathur, Theeyambakkam, Vadaperumbakkam, Semmencherry, Uthandi, Edayanchavadi, Sadayankuppam & Kadapakkam and left out streets in Madhavaram at a cost of Rs.2,288 crore for implementation.
- Mitigation proposals for the prevention of sewage outfalls directly into Adyar rivers at 39 locations were taken up under CRRT by carrying out 7 interception and diversion works and 2 modular STPs.
- CMWSSB has taken up the proposal of plugging sewage outfalls in the Adyar and Cooum rivers, associated drains of Cooum, Adyar, Buckingham Canal and its drains. Under Phase-I, 36 works were taken up for a value of Rs.385.38 crore.
- Out of the 10,163 petitions received under "Mudhalvarin Mugavari", 9,092 petitions have been addressed. 828 petitions related to other departments have been redirected to the concerned departments for further action and the remaining 243 petitions are being attended.

Projects inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

- Construction of 120 MLDSewage Treatment Plant at Kodungaiyur with 10 years of Operation and Maintenance at a cost of Rs.170.97 crore.
- Comprehensive Water Supply Scheme for Puzhal, Puthagaram, Surapet and Kathirvedu, at a cost of Rs.82.61 crore.
- Establishment of a One crore Litre per day capacity TTUF Plant at Nesapakkam and 60 lakh Litre per day Capacity Water Treatment Plant (WTP) at Porur at a cost of Rs.47.24 crore.
- Under CRRT fund, works for interception and diversion of outfalls in Adyar River and connecting with the existing sewerage system at a cost of Rs. 16.16 crore.
- Interception & Diversion of outfalls in Adyar River under CRRT fundand connectingwith the existing sewerage system of Nandhanam extension, Turnbulls Road and sewerage improvement works at Radhakrishnapuram slum area– Project Estimate Rs.6.36 crore.
- To treat the collection of sewage from Anna Centenary Library and Mambalam canal at 4 MLD capacity Todd Hunter Nagar Modular STP at a cost of Rs.5.04 crore.
- Prevention of direct mixing of sewage in Adyar River at Guindy and Ekkatuthangal at a cost of Rs.18.73 crore.
- Diversion of sewage mixing in Adyar river at Jafferkhanpet and Samiyar Garden area to SPS under CRRT fund – project estimate Rs.10.62 crore.
- Construction of 0.6 MLD capacity Modular STP to treat sewage mixed at Adyar river under CRRT fund at a cost of Rs.4.31 crore.
- Construction of 4 MLDcapacity Modular STP at Todd Hunter Nagar to treat sewage mixed in Adyar river via Mambalam canal at a cost of Rs.14.21 crore.
- Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board head office was renovated

at a cost of Rs.24.92 crore and a 24x7 Monitoring and Control Centre (MCC)has been established in the renovated building at a cost of Rs.1.13 crore.

❖ Administrative sanction has been accorded for the Neelangarai water supply scheme at a cost of Rs.45.68 crore under the Singara Chennai scheme. Administrative sanction has been accorded for the Semmanchery water supply scheme at a cost of Rs.46 crore under AMRUT 2.0 scheme.

❖ Administrative sanction has been accorded for Nandambakkam Underground Sewerage Scheme at a cost of Rs.24.65 crore. Administrative sanction has been accorded for Okkiyam-Thoraipakkam Underground Sewerage Scheme at a cost of Rs.256.91 crore.

❖ Administrative sanction has been accorded for Comprehensive Underground Sewerage Scheme for Injambakkam, Kottivakkam, Palavakkam, Neelangarai and Uthandi at a cost of Rs.644.59 crore. Administrative sanction has been accorded for Comprehensive Underground Sewerage Scheme for Puzhal, Mathur, Theeyambakkam, Vadaperumbakkam, Semmanchery, Edayanchavadi, Sadayankuppam and Kadapakkam at a cost of Rs.865.55 crore under AMRUT 2.0 scheme.

❖ Administrative sanction has been accorded for providing sewerage facilities to left-out streets of the Madhavaram area at a cost of Rs.404.08 crore under the AMRUT 2.0 scheme.

❖ Administrative sanction has been accorded for providing a permanent solution to the existing sewerage system at Kalaignar Karunanidhi Nagar, Anna Main Road in Area 10 for the improvement of the sewage collection system from Ashok Nagar SPS to Nesappakkam STP at a cost of Rs.45.68 crore under Singara Chennai 2.0 scheme.

❖ Administrative sanction has been accorded for the improvement of the existing sewerage system in Alandur (Area 12) as the public is greatly affected by the frequent repairs in the sewerage system at a cost of Rs.122.63 crore under the AMRUT 2.0 scheme.

❖ Revised Administrative sanction has been accorded for the mitigation of sewage outfalls at Cooum, Adyar rivers and Buckingham Canal and its associated drains in Chennai, at a cost of Rs.385.38 crore.

- Administrative sanction has been accorded for enlarging the sewerage main and construction of sewage pumping stations in Area 9 under Thousand Light constituency for resolving the frequent sewage overflow problems at a cost of Rs. 52.69 crore under the AMRUT 2.0 scheme.
- Administrative sanction has been accorded for providing sewerage facilities for Annai Satya Nagar, Sivananda Colony, MKB Colony and Padavettamman Industrial Estate in Area 7 at a cost of Rs.18.19 crore under the AMRUT 2.0 scheme.
- Administrative sanction has been accorded for strengthening the existing sewerage main from Tondiarpet F Sewage Pumping station to Kodungaiyur Sewage Treatment Plant for preventing the sewage mixing in Buckingham Canal at a cost of Rs.101.58 crore under the AMRUT 2.0 scheme.
- Administrative sanction has been accorded for the installation of smart meters at water treatment plants, water distribution stations and water filling stations for detecting heavy losses during water supply at an estimated cot of Rs. 43.01 crore under Singara Chennai 2.0 scheme.

Water Supply Schemes

- CWSS to 293 Rural Habitations in Musiri, Thathaiyangarpettai, Thuraiyur and Uppiliyapuram Unions at an estimated cost of Rs. 140.22 crore benefitting a population of1.59 lakh.
- CWSS to Uthangarai Town Panchayat and 50 other habitations of Uthangarai Union at an estimated cost of Rs. 28.24 crore benefitting a population of 52,000.
- Improvement of the Water supply Distribution system to Vellore Corporation at an estimated cost of Rs. 275.11 crore benefitting a population of 7.20 lakh.
- CWSS to 155 Rural Habitations in Annur, Mooperipalayam and Avinashi Town Panchayat, and in Palladam and Tiruppur Unions at an estimated cost of Rs. 241crore. benefitting a population of 94,000.
- CWSS to Nakondanpalli and 27 other habitations of Hosur Union at an estimated cost of Rs. 8.10 crore benefitting a population of 17,000.
- CWSS to Rayakottai & 28 habitations of Kelamangalam Union at an estimated cost of Rs. 8.46 crore benefitting a population of 0.21,000.
- CWSS to 274 rural habitations of Thanthoni Union at an estimated cost of Rs. 81.41 crore benefitting a population of 73,000.
- CWSS to 155 rural habitations of Palladam and Tiruppur Unions at an estimated cost of Rs. 99.24 crore benefitting a population of 1.92 lakh.
- CWSS to 212 rural habitations of Pollachi (South), Pollachi (North) and Kinathukadavu Unions at an estimated cost of Rs.69.31 crore benefitting a population of 70,000.
- Water Supply Improvement Scheme to Namakkal Municipality at an estimated cost of Rs. 185.24 crore benefitting a population of 1.59 lakh.
- CWSS to Perundurai and 7 other Town Panchayats including 547 wayside rural habitations in Erode and Tiruppur Districts at an estimated cost of Rs. 224 crore benefitting a population of 4.49 lakh.
- CWSS to 5 Town Panchayats and 318 rural habitations of Madathukkulam and Udumalpet Unions in Tiruppur District at an

estimated cost of Rs. 85.75 crore benefitting a population of 3.37 lakh.

- CWSS to 17 rural habitations in Panruti and 18 rural habitations of Annagramam Union in Cuddalore District at an estimated cost of Rs. 9.21 crore benefitting a population of 42,000.
- CWSS to Velagalahalli and 39 other rural habitations of Krishnagiri Union at an estimated cost of Rs. 9.90 crore benefitting a population of 11,000.
- Water Supply Improvement Scheme to Balasamudram Town Panchayat at an estimated cost of Rs. 9.62 crore benefitting a population of 16,000.
- CWSS to Sigaralapalli and 143 rural habitations of Bargur union at an estimated cost of Rs. 31.82 crore benefitting a population of 41,000.
- CWSS to 96 rural habitations of Gobichetipalayam and Nambiyur unions at an estimated cost of Rs. 56.94 crore benefitting a population of 64,000.
- Water Supply Improvement Scheme to Anaiyur municipality at an estimated cost of Rs. 8.97 crore benefitting a population of 72,000.
- CWSS to Sankari, Alampalayam, Padaveedu town panchayats and 669 rural habitations in Pallipalayam and Tiruchengode unions at an estimated cost of Rs. 399.46 crore benefitting a population of 4.92 lakh.
- CWSS to Eraniel town panchayat and 319 rural habitations atan estimated cost of Rs.174 crore benefitting a population of 3.10 lakh.
- CWSS to 138 rural habitations in Thottiyam union at an estimated cost of Rs. 49.95 crore benefitting a population of 58,000.
- CWSS to Keelapavoor town panchayat and 163 rural habitations in Pappakudi, Kadayam and Keelapavoor unions at an estimated cost of Rs. 46.55 crore benefitting a population of 1.81 lakh.
- CWSS to 170 rural habitations in Manur and Palayamkottai unions at an estimated cost

of Rs. 32.40 crore benefitting a population of 1.33 lakh.

- CWSS to 48 rural habitations in Alangulam and Pappakudi Unions and One hamlet in Mukkudal town panchayat at an estimated cost of Rs.50.50 crore benefiting a population of 50,000.
- WSIS to Bodinayakanur municipality at an estimated cost of Rs. 76.15 crore benefitting a population of 90,000.
- Dedicated water supply scheme to Bodinayakanur municipality in Theni District at an estimated cost of Rs.30 crore.
- Administrative sanction accorded for 30 Combined Water Supply Schemes covering 2 municipalities, 12 town panchayats and 7,639 rural habitations at an estimated cost of Rs. 8,765.55 crore to benefit a population of 49.34 lakh.
- Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board has prepared a Detailed Project Reports for 7 Combined Water Supply Schemes covering Thoothukudi, Tiruvallur, Cuddalore, Dindigul, Ramanathapuram and Tiruchirappalli Districts, 5 Municipalities, 8 Town Panchayats and 4,208 rural habitations at an estimated cost of Rs. 5,119.50 crore to benefit a population of 24.08 lakh. Administrative sanction accorded under Jal Jeevan Mission and AMRUT 2.0 funding.
- Administrative sanction accorded for providing UGSS to added areas of Coimbatore Corporation (Vellakinar, Chinnavedampatti and Saravanamapattiat an estimated cost of Rs. 279.05 crore to benefit a population of 64,000.
- Through the Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, at a cost of Rs. 727.10 crore, two underground sewerage schemes for the Non Area based Development are to be done in Krishnagiri District, Hosur Corporation and Thoothukudi District and Corporation, to benefit a population of 2.68 lakh.

Under Ground Sewerage Schemes :

- UGSS to Manachanallur Town Panchayat in Tiruchirapalli District at an estimated cost of Rs. 34.39 crore benefitting a population of 36,000.
- UGSS to S. Kannanur Town Panchayat in Tiruchirappalli District at an estimated cost of Rs. 21.58 crore benefitting a population of 18,000.
- UGSS to Vallam Town Panchayat in Thanjavur District at an estimated cost of Rs. 35 crore benefitting a population of 20,000.
- UGSS to Perundurai Town Panchayat in Erode District at an estimated cost of Rs. 51.50 crore benefitting a population of 33,000.
- UGSS to Thoothukudi Corporation at an estimated cost of Rs. 95 crore benefitting a population of 2.65 lakh.
- UGSS to Pollachi Municipality in Coimbatore District at an estimated cost of Rs. 170.22 crore benefitting a population of One lakh.
- UGSS to MelaChokkanathapuram Town Panchayat at an estimated cost of Rs. 41.72 crore benefitting a population of 22,000.
- UGSS to Karaikudi Municipality at an estimated cost of Rs.140.13 crore benefitting a population of 1.39 lakh.
- UGSS to Mettupalayam Municipality at an estimated cost of Rs.100.08 crore benefitting a population of 77,000.

- UGSS to Sattur Municipality at an estimated cost of Rs.48.39 crore benefitting a population of 36,000.
- Administrative sanction accorded for 37 Combined Water Supply Schemes covering Hosur corporation, Dharmapuri municipality, 16 town Panchayats and 20 Panchayat unions and 6,802 rural habitations at an estimated cost of Rs. 7,890 crore to benefit a population of 38.82 lakh.
- The administrative sanction was accorded for retrofitting of 56 Combined Water Supply Schemes under the maintenance of Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board at an estimated cost of Rs. 1363.40 crore to benefit a population of 50.76 lakh.

Public Health Department

Covid-19 Vaccination

- The measures to prevent the spread of covid-19 are well-implemented and controlled.

Dialysis centres

- Under the Hon'ble Chief Minister's Insurance Scheme for Kidney Failure patients, 335 persons have benefited from 97 dialysis machines in 8 dialysis centres functioning in Greater Chennai Corporation.

Vector Control Section

- Spraying of mosquito larvicide in canals and waterways by drones.

Veterinary Public Health

Animal Birth Control Programme

- In Greater Chennai Corporation, 3 Animal Birth Control (ABC) centres are functioning to control the stray dog menace.
- 36,373 stray dogs were caught by 16 dog-catching vehicles based on complaints received from the public through the 1913 free helpline and dogs were subjected to Animal birth control surgery and anti-rabies vaccination.
- For 29,176 stray dogs, ABC surgery was done and Anti rabies vaccination was given and for staff working in the Veterinary section, ARV was given. 46,536 pet animals were treated through ABC centres in Meenambakkam and Sholinganallur.

Control of stray cattle Menace

- 9,960 stray cattle were caught and confined in the 'G' and 'D' cattle depots and a fine of Rs.2,000 was imposed for each cattle owner.
- 9,960 cows were caught and a fine amount of Rs.1.6 crore was levied.

Veterinary Pet Clinic

- In Greater Chennai Corporation, 4 Veterinary pet clinics are functioning and treatment was given to 46,536 pet animals.

National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme

- Plan to eliminate Tuberculosis by 2025 through the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme, 36 Tuberculosis centres, 162 microscopy centres, 13 CBNAAT centres and 13 TRUNAT centres, treating both drug-susceptible Tuberculosis (DS-TB) and drug-resistant Tuberculosis (DR-TB).
- In private hospitals, 8,031 treatments were given to patients diagnosed with Tuberculosis
- In Greater Chennai Corporation health facilities, treatment was given to 19,304 persons diagnosed with Tuberculosis.
- In the Communicable Diseases Hospital, Tondairpet, a ward was started exclusively for Tuberculosis patients.

District Blindness Control Society(DBCS)

- In Greater Chennai Corporation (DBCS) eye screening was being done in 43 UPHCS. The plan is to reduce the rate of vision loss to 0.25% by 2025.
- 4,515 free spectacles have been provided to Government and Government-aided school students for correction of refractive error.26,924 free cataract surgeries were done and 3,684 eyeballs were collected through eye banks.

Polyclinics with Specialist Services

- In Greater Chennai Corporation Polyclinics in 40 Urban Primary Health Centers with speciality services are functioning to benefit the urban population.
- Medical consultation is from 4.30 pm to 8.30 pm on "Fixed Days with Fixed Speciality". 1,42,886 patients were benefited so far in 40 Polyclinics.

Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam

- Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam scheme is a flagship program of the Government of Tamil Nadu that was launched in 15 zones in Greater Chennai Corporation.
- 15 Mobile teams with staff nurses are providing services such as treatment of Non-communicable diseases, distribution of medicines and prevention activities of non-communicable diseases, Physiotherapy

services, palliative care and Peritoneal dialysis at the doorstep.

- ❖ 35,66,818 were screened for hypertension and diabetes and 1,09,560 medicine kits were distributed.
- ❖ Palliative care services for 5,740 patients, Physiotherapy services were given for 11,867 patients, and Infection control nurses 32,868 CAPD bags were given for 37 chronic kidney disease patients.

Shelters for the homeless

- ❖ 38 homeless shelters and 12 special shelters are functioning successfully in Greater Chennai Corporation.
- ❖ Steps are being taken to establish additional 33 homeless shelters.

Medical Service Department

- ❖ Under the Medical Services Department of Greater Chennai Corporation, 15 Zones, 16 Urban Community Health Centers, 3 Emergency Obstetrics Care Units, and 140 Urban Primary Health Centers are functioning with all equipment and laboratory facilities.
- ❖ A total of 2.24 crore outpatients have been treated.
- ❖ 13,419 Normal Deliveries and 11,530 LSCS deliveries were conducted. 24,949 deliveries have been conducted. In Operation theatres, Deliveries and Sterilization Operations are done by using modern technology equipment like Disposable LSCS Delivery kits, Video Laparoscopy & Sono mammograms.
- ❖ 12,077 Sterilization has been performed.
- ❖ 144 Vasectomies have been performed.
- ❖ 1,883 Safe abortions have been performed.
- ❖ As per National Immunisation Schedule, all vaccines are given free of cost at Urban Health centres and during outreach sessions.
- ❖ B.C.G have been immunized to 1,48,581 children.
- ❖ Pentavalent, Rotavirus and OP vaccine have been immunized to 1,57,014 children.
- ❖ Measles, Rubella have been immunized to 1,60,689 children.

- Cervical cancer early detection screening is being done for women in Greater Chennai Hospitals. 1,76,021 women are screened.

Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme

- Under Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy's Maternity Benefit scheme, in Government Hospitals, Rs. 59.71 lakh has been given to 1,05,473 antenatal mothers.

Janani Suraksha Yojana Scheme

- Rs.80.13 lakh under the JSY scheme has been given to 13,355 beneficiaries.

Educational Department

- Enrolment of the students in Chennai Schools is 98,783.
- Under the Singara Chennai 2.0 Scheme, the Greater Chennai Corporation is planning to renovate the existing buildings, where ever it is necessary. In addition to this, additional classrooms in 22 classrooms are proposed to be constructed at the cost of Rs.67.83 crore.
- Under the Nirbhaya Fund, girls' toilets will be renovated in 132 schools. Additionally, sanitary napkins will be distributed to the girl students in 159 schools along with IEC sessions for the sake of menstrual hygiene. This proposal will be undertaken at the cost of Rs.23.66 crore.
- Security cameras (CCTV) will be installed in 159 schools to improve the safety of girls under the Nirbhaya Fund at the cost of Rs.5.47 crore.
- Under the Nirbhaya Fund, self-defence and playground renovation will be taken up in 93 schools as a measure to boost the confidence of girls and for them to participate in various sports competitions at the cost of Rs.6.91 crore.
- Two residential model schools have been started and are in operation to enable students studying in Government and Chennai Corporation Higher Secondary Schools to join the premier higher education institutions and participate in competitive examinations at the cost of Rs.3.59 crore.
- 10,279 dual desks are being procured from TANSI, through the Smart City Fund at the cost of Rs.9.80 crore.
- So far 2,000 teachers had undertaken ICT Training for (CITIIS) at the cost of Rs.1.50 crore.
- Leadership development for HMs, AHMs and Senior Teachers in Chennai Schools (CITIIS) had been undertaken at the cost of Rs.2.45 crore.
- SMS and LRMS system development for Chennai Schools (CITIIS) had been undertaken at the cost of Rs.59 lakh.
- The Model and SMART Chennai Schools project under the CITIIS (City Investments to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain) had been initiated and it is being implemented in 18 Campuses covering 28 Schools for Rs.95.25 crore of which Rs.76.2 crore is funded by AFD (French Development Agency) while Chennai Smart City Limited is contributing Rs. 19.05 crore. This project comprises hard and soft infrastructure.
- The Greater Chennai Corporation runs an Industrial Training Institute at Zone-9, affiliated with the National Council of Vocational Training (NCVT) of the Government of India and provides various courses for skilled students such as plumbers, fitters, mechanics, electricians, motor mechanics and computer operators. After the completion of these courses, the trainees are

provided with job opportunities in various industries by the institute.

- There are three Community Colleges run by Greater Chennai Corporation at C.V.Raman Street, Alwarpet, Sundaram Street, Purasaiwalkam; and Naattu Pillayar Koil Street, especially for the students who are unable to continue their school education. Various skill development courses like computer software, paramedical courses, baking and confectionery making and jute bag-making are taught at these community colleges.

- It is necessary to set up Gender clubs in schools to create positive thinking without any gender discrimination and to impart gender equality in Education among students in order to promote a healthy learning environment. Hence, Gender clubs consisting of 30 students from classes 6 to 8 in all Middle, High & Higher Secondary Schools. Under the guidance of a trained teacher, various awareness programs are conducted by the gender clubs to impart gender equality among the students.

- 38 High and 32 Secondary Schools are provided with Internet Connection.

- Exhibitions were conducted at a cost of Rs.20 lakh, to improve the skills of 281 Chennai Primary, Middle, High and Higher Secondary School Students.

- The Montessori Method of teaching is followed in 30 schools where Montessori equipment was provided. Also, in 35 schools Kindergarden teachers are being provided with Montessori training.

- Currently, it is planned to provide Rs.59 lakh and Rs.2.45 crore for School Leadership Development and Transformation (SLDT) training for School Management System (SMS), Learning Resources Repository Management System (LRRMS) under CITIIS program. Also, it is planned to train the students with the best coaches in Cricket and football.

- As per the order of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu morning breakfast is being provided to the students (classes 1 to 5) in order to maintain their physical, and mental health and well-being for effective education. Priestly, this scheme is provided to all Chennai Primary & Middle schools of zones 1, 3, 4 and 5 of Greater Chennai Corporation.

- Youth Parliament Sessions are being conducted by constituting a staff committee for the youth parliament under the school Headmasters in all Chennai High and Higher Secondary Schools.

- School Home Library Project has been implemented so that all school students studying from classes 4 to 12 will be provided with books from the school libraries to read at home.

- The badges system has been implemented in all Chennai schools to encourage the students who excel in learning in school, dividing the students in each class into four groups (Red, Purple, Green, and Yellow). This scheme is implemented to develop qualities such as patience, leadership, decision-making, tolerance, and teamwork among the students.

- Students are being provided with all possible opportunities in the classroom environment to develop their spoken English skills, in order to improve their ability to face higher education and employment.

Solid Waste Management

- Reclamation of Perungudi Dumping Ground in Zone -14 through the Bio-mining process

has got approval from the Government for Rs.350.65 crore and is executed through various agencies in 6 packages under SBM Scheme.

❖ For the Kodungaiyur Dumping ground for Bio-mining of legacy waste accumulated there for several years, technical advisors were appointed to prepare a Detailed Feasibility Report (DFR) by calling tender through Tamil Nadu Urban Infrastructure Financial Services Ltd (TNUIFSL) and the DFR prepared for Rs.648.38 crore under SBM Scheme was submitted to Tamil Nadu Government for which Administrative Sanction has been given.

❖ 1,684 Battery Operated Vehicle with Lithium Ion batteries have been procured and put in operation at a cost of Rs.42.38 crore for effective Door to Door collection of solid waste for Zones.

❖ 3,850 Numbers of 1,100 litre capacity metal compactor bins were procured and put in use at a cost of Rs.8.60 crore and are in use.

❖ 10,000 LLDPE bins of 100-litre capacity for the Battery operated Vehicle to carry out segregation at Door to Door levels were procured and put in use at a cost of Rs.1.72 crore.

❖ Bio-CNG plant was inaugurated at Madhavaram for processing of wet waste 100 tonnes per day under PPP mode and put in operation.

❖ A mobile incinerator of 5MT design capacity was established under the CSR fund at Marina and has been put in operation.

Storm Water Drain

Construction of Integrated Storm Water Drain in Kosasthalaiyar Basin

❖ The construction of integrated stormwater drains in the Kosasthalaiyar basin has been taken up in 46 packages for a length of 769 km and is in progress under the Asian Development Bank (ADB) fund at an estimated cost ofRs.3,220 crore. So far 45% of the work has been completed at an expenditure of Rs.1,182.66 crore. About 30 lakh people living in Ambattur, Manali, Madhavaram and Thiruvottiyur will benefit from this project.

Construction of Integrated Storm Water Drain in Kovalam Basin

❖ Construction of integrated stormwater drains in Kovalam Basin at a cost of Rs.1,714 crore in M1(Pallikaranai Marshland watershed), M2 (South Buckingham Canal watershed) and M3 (South Coast watershed) components for a length of 360 km.

❖ In the first phase, the works are in progress in 3 packages for a length of 39.78 km in the M1 & M2 package at an estimated cost of Rs. 150.45 crore.

❖ In phase II, works are in progress in 9 packages to a length of 120.55 km at an estimated cost of Rs.447.03 crore.

❖ In phase III, the works are divided into 11 packages at the estimated cost of Rs.270.30 crore and sent for the approval of KfW. About 9 lakh people living in Perungudi, Sholinganallur and part of Alandur zones will benefit from this project.

Demolition of dilapidated stormwater drain and reconstruction of new stormwater drain and Missing link stormwater drain – World Bank Fund

❖ Greater Chennai Corporation has taken up the work of demolition of a dilapidated stormwater drain and reconstruction of new stormwater rain and the missing link

stormwater drain for a length of 44.88km an estimated cost of Rs.120 crore in 43 packages under Tamil Nadu Urban Infrastructure Financial Services (TNUIFSL), World Bank Fund. All works have been completed.

- ❖ Construction of stormwater drain was taken up under Infrastructure and Amenities Fund.
- ❖ Construction of a stormwater drain for a length of 9.81km at an estimated cost of Rs.26.28 crore.
- ❖ Construction of stormwater drain for a length of 2.05 km at an estimated cost of Rs.7.40 crore was taken up under the Capital Grant Fund (CGF) of the Government of Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Singara Chennai 2.0 scheme to improve the infrastructure and to build new structures to international standards.
- ❖ Construction of a stormwater drain has been taken up under Singara Chennai 2.0 scheme, for a length of 45.23 km at an estimated cost of Rs.186.47 crore.
- ❖ In phase II, construction of stormwater drain works has been taken up for a length of 20.15 km at an estimated cost of Rs.70 crore.
- ❖ Under Flood Relief Fund, construction of stormwater drains was taken up for a length of 101.15 km at an estimated cost of Rs.291.06 crore.
- ❖ In order to increase the storage capacity of water bodies and increase the groundwater level, 20 water bodies have been identified in Greater Chennai Corporation at an estimate of Rs.200 crore.12 water bodies are identified under the Singara Chennai 2.0 scheme for restoration at an estimate of Rs.17.96 crore.
- ❖ Under the Namakku Naame Scheme, the restoration of 2 water bodies at an estimated Rs.1.40 crore.

Bus Route and Roads

- ❖ Under the TURIP 2021-2022 scheme, relaying 22 roads to a length of 13.58 Km at an estimated cost of Rs.17.38 crore has been completed.
- ❖ Under the Singara Chennai 2021-2022 scheme, relaying 59 roads to a length of 39.87 Km at an estimated cost of Rs.37.58 crore has been completed.
- ❖ Under Singara Chennai 2021-2022, replacing of Existing Street Name Board Fascia, and supplying and fixing 4,681 digitally printed new boards interior Roads and Bus Route Roads in various Zones at a cost of Rs.8.43 crore, have been completed.
- ❖ Under Singara Chennai 2021-2022, Providing the permanent access pathway for differently-abled persons at Marina Beach (behind Gandhi Statue) at a cost of Rs.1.14 crore has been completed.
- ❖ Under the Singara Chennai 2022-2023 scheme, relaying 15 roads to a length of 8.58 Km at an estimated cost of Rs.8.39 crore has been completed.

Interior Roads

- ❖ Under Tamil Nadu Urban Development Fund (TNUDF), a total of 279 interior roads of 47.66 km at a cost of Rs.18.88 crore, have been completed.
- ❖ 1,102 interior roads to a length of 169.44 km under the Special Road Programme at a cost of Rs.79.40 crore have been completed.
- ❖ Under the TURIP 2021-2022 scheme, relaying 821 roads to a length of 130.23 Km

at an estimated cost of Rs.76.75 crore has been completed.

- ❖ Under the SDRF scheme, relaying 610 roads to a length of 105.41 Km at an estimated cost of Rs.59.33 crore has been completed.
- ❖ Under the Singara Chennai 2022-2023 scheme, relaying 150 roads to a length of 19.90 Km at an estimated cost of Rs.10.46 crore has been completed.
- ❖ Under TURIF 2021-2022 Savings scheme, relaying 126 roads to a length of 21.59 Km at an estimated cost of Rs.12.34 crore has been completed.
- ❖ Under the TURIF 2022-2023 scheme, relaying 103 roads to a length of 19.69 Km at an estimated cost of Rs.10.09 crore has been completed.

Bridges Department

- ❖ Totally 17 works viz., Bridge, Railway Bridge, Foot Over Bridge and Retrofitting of the bridge have been taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.629.78 crore.
- ❖ It has been proposed to take up 1 flyover and 2 High-level bridges at an estimated cost of Rs.250.36 crore.

Special Projects

- ❖ Construction of Chennai Primary School at Patel Nagar at an estimated amount of Rs.5.92 crore., Refurbishment of Chennai Higher Secondary School, Patel Nagar at an estimated amount of Rs.3 crore, New Construction and Refurbishment of Chennai High School at New Market Farm at an estimated amount of Rs.5.13 crore, Refurbishment of Chennai Girls Higher Secondary School at Market Street at an estimated amount of Rs.1.06 crore, Refurbishment of Chennai Higher Secondary School, Bunder Garden at an estimated amount of Rs.4.37 crore, New Construction and Refurbishment of Chennai High School, Cooks Road at an estimated amount of Rs.6.5 crore, Refurbishment of Chennai Girls Higher Secondary School, Pulla Avenue at an estimated amount of Rs.3.86 crore, Refurbishment of Chennai Girls Higher Secibdart School, Nungambakkam at an estimated amount of Rs.5.09 crore, Refurbishment of Chennai Boys Higher Secondary School, Nungambakkam at an estimated amount of Rs.2.88 crore, Refurbishment of Chennai Higher Secondary Scholls, Alwarpet at an estimated amount of Rs.2.06 crore, Refurbishment of Chennai Higher Secondar School, MGR Nagar at an estimated amount of Rs.1.78 crore, Refurbishment of Chennai Boys Higher Secondary School, Saidapet at an estimated amount of Rs.2.52 crore, Refurbishment of Chennai Girls Higher Secondary School, Saidapet at an estimated amount of Rs.3.95 crore. and New Construction and Refurbishment of Chennai High School, Kottur at an estimated amount of Rs.6 crore, are in progress.
- ❖ Construction of Animal Birth Control (ABC) Centre at Lloyds Colony at an estimated amount of Rs.7.13 crore, Construction of Animal Birth Control (ABC) Centre at Kannammapettai at an estimated amount of Rs.7.21 crore and Construction of Animal Birth Control (ABC) Centre at Puliyanthope at an estimated amount of Rs.5.38 crore are in progress.
- ❖ Conservation, Revitalization and Seismic Retrofitting of Victoria Public Hall in Dn.58, Zone-V at an estimated amount of Rs.32.62 croreis in progress.

- Menstrual Hygiene Management in Greater Chennai Corporation Schools at an estimated amount of Rs.4.79 crore is in progress.
- Phase–2 - Refurbishment of Safe Toilets in GCC Schools with Girl for 93 schools in 641 seats at an estimated amount of Rs.11.03 crore is in progress.
- Creation of a leisure Cycle track with a vibrant landscape along the banks of Buckingham Canal from Kasturibai Nagar MRTS to Thiruvanmiyur MRTS Station at an estimated amount of Rs.20 crore.
- Refurbishment of Safe Toilets in GCC Schools with Girl for 99 schools in 654 seats at an estimated amount of Rs.6.52 crore. work is completed.
- Refurbishment of Chennai High School, Sharma Nagar at an estimated amount of Rs.2.4 crore., New Construction and Refurbishment of Chennai High School, Manikandan Street at an estimated amount of Rs.4.53 crore, Refurbishment of Chennai Higher Secondary School, Subbarayan Street at an estimated amount of Rs.4 crore, Refurbishment and New Construction of Chennai Higher Secondary School, Nesapakkam at an estimated amount of Rs.3.4 crore and Refurbishment of Chennai Middle School, Gandhigramam at an estimated amount of Rs.2.06 crore have been completed.

Electrical Department

- The Greater Chennai Corporation is maintaining 2,91,415 street lights. All of these are energy-saving LED street lights.
- Under Singara Chennai 2.0 Scheme, the Ripon building has been illuminated with RGB dynamic lighting at an estimated cost of Rs.1.81 crore.
- Under the Smart city fund, Dynamic Lighting for Suspension Bridge, high mast and pathway lighting at Villivakkam at a cost of Rs.2.02 crore.
- Out of the 15 Zones in Greater Chennai Corporation, 10 zones are maintained by Contractors for a period of one year at an estimated cost of Rs. 26.77 crore.
- Under the Nirbhaya Scheme, which is intended for the safety of women in public places, 10,569 Street Light posts with 10,662 LED Fittings are being installed, at a cost of Rs. 61.66 crore.

Parks & Play Fields Department

Parks

- 27 parks have been sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs.24.43 crore, out of which 23 park works have been completed, and 4 works are in progress.
- In Greater Chennai Corporation from Zone 1 to 15, OSR lands are identified and 141 parks are proposed. In this, in phase-I, 45 Parks for an estimated cost of Rs.16.79 crore and in Phase II, 21 Parks for an estimated cost of Rs.5.76 crore were sanctioned and works are in progress.
- In Phase III, 54 Parks for an estimated cost of Rs.9.26 crore and in Phase VI, 21 Parks for an estimated cost of Rs.4.65 crore.
- In order to make Chennai city green, tree plantations are being carried out with the help of residence welfare associations. 2,63,742 saplings have been planted.

Playfields

- The construction of 17 Playfields has been sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs.12.57 crore.

- In Greater Chennai Corporation from Zone 1 to 15, 51 OSR lands have been identified. In this, phase-I, 13 playfields for an estimated cost of Rs.4.76 crore and in Phase II, 19 Playfields for an estimated cost of Rs.5.70 crore was sanctioned and work is in process.

Chennai Rivers Restoration Trust Department

- Greater Chennai Corporation has taken up the project of providing permanent fencing along the river bunds of Cooum and Adyar Rivers after resettling & rehabilitation the project-affected families in co-ordination with the Water Resource Department (PWD) and Tamil Nadu Urban habitat development board under Chennai Rivers Restoration Trust Projects.

Cooum

- The work of providing permanent fencing along both sides of the banks of the Cooum River from Napier Bridge to Maduravoyal Bypass Road to a length of 23.92 km at a project cost of Rs. 45.68 crore has been taken up.
- The formation of a maintenance way with 49,800 riverine plantations along the banks of the Cooum River from Napier Bridge to Maduravoyal Bypass Road has been taken up at a project cost of Rs. 7.13 crore.

Adyar

- The work of providing permanent fencing along both sides of the banks of the Adyar River from Thiru.Vi.Ka.Bridge to Airport Runway Bridge to a length of 24.67 km at a project cost of Rs. 66.16 crore has been taken up.
- Formation of maintenance way with 63,456 riverine plantations along the banks of the Adyar River from Thiru.Vi.Ka. The bridge to Airport Runway Bridge and Airport Runway Bridge to Nandambakkam Bridge has been taken up at a project cost of Rs. 13.78 crore.

Buildings Department

- 8 Night Shelter completed at an estimated cost of Rs.5.76 crore.
- One Anganwadi completed at an estimated cost of Rs. 30 lakh.
- One Urban primary health centre completed at an estimated cost of Rs.1.62 crore.
- One M.G.R Nagar LPG Crematorium completed at an estimated cost of Rs.3.26 crore.
- Construction of 9 school buildings under Singara Chennai 2.0 (2021 - 2022) project work completed at an estimated cost of Rs.6.38 crore, improvement and conversion of LPG system at 8 crematoriums under Singara Chennai 2.0 project work completed at an estimated cost of Rs.2.07 crore and conversion of LPG system at 6 Crematorium under Singara Chennai 2.0 project work completed at an estimated cost of Rs.2.68 crore.
- Works for 13 Urban Primary Health Centres are in progress at an estimated cost of Rs.44.32 crore.
- Works for 2 Urban Community Health Centres are in progress at an estimated cost of Rs.18.33 crore.
- One-night shelters are being constructed at an estimated cost of Rs.3 crore.

- One Electronic voting machines storage room is being constructed at an estimated cost of Rs.9.08 crore
- One Kodungaiyur Burial Ground improvement works are in progress at an estimated cost of Rs.6.30 crore.
- Construction of an Art and culture building is under progress at an estimated cost of Rs.2.41 crore.
- Construction of a Ward Office building is under progress at an estimated cost of Rs.0.67 crore.
- Construction of a Fish market (Loop Road) is under progress at an estimated cost of Rs.9.56 crore.
- 5 Lorry Station improvement works are under progress at an estimated cost of Rs.3.80 crore.
- Under Singara Chennai 2.0 project, the construction of 14 school buildings is in progress at an estimated cost of Rs.44.18 crore, the construction of 2 crematoriums is in progress at an estimated cost of Rs.4.06 crore and the construction of 13 Crematoriums are in progress at an estimated cost of Rs.13.47 crore.

General Department

- Greater Chennai Corporation provides employment opportunities under the Compassionate Ground Appointments for the legal heirs (208) or dependents of the deceased employees of Greater Chennai Corporation, the legal heirs of (i) Employees who expired due to Coronavirus, (ii) Missing employees of Greater Chennai Corporation, (iii) Employees who were medically invalidated to continue further service and married daughters of deceased employees are also considered for employment under Compassionate Ground Appointment as per the rules and were given appointment under Compassionate Grounds.
- Through the Mudhalvarin Mugavari Department, 15,058 petitions were received in Greater Chennai Corporation. Actions have been taken and 14,405 petitions disposed of.

Revenue Department

- Greater Chennai Corporation has collected Rs.2,203.33 crore as property tax and Rs.879.93 crore as Professional tax. A total tax of Rs.3,083.16 crore was collected.
- The pre-booking of community halls can be checked online and steps have been taken to book the community hall from their concerned zonal offices.
- The Community Hall under Greater Chennai Corporation situated at Thiru.Vi.Ka. Nagar is purely for the benefit of the poor and the needy people. This Community Hall is furnished fully with Air-Condition, low cost, modern facilities and can be booked in advance for a family celebration.

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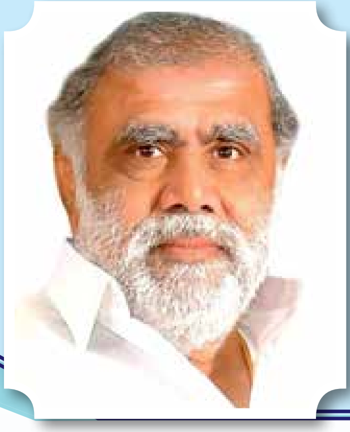
The Hon'ble Chief Minister saw to it that a person, injured in accident at Anna Salai getting into an auto to the hospital on 21.10.2022.

Receives petition from the public and Differently- abled persons during the 'Chief Minister on Field visit Programme' in Salem on 15.02.2023.



Rural Development, Panchayats and Panchayat Union

Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development

Thiru.I.Periasamy

Rural Development And Panchayat Raj Department

Financial Allocations

- The Government had released Rs.6,149.23 crore for the year 2021-2022 and Rs.7,436.80 crore for 2022-2023 as State Financial Committee devolution grants. The Government has released Rs.1,003 crore as Pooled Assigned Revenue for the year 2022-23.
- The entire grant of the Fifteenth Financial Commission released for the year 2021-2022 was Rs.2,666 crore and for 2022-2023 was Rs.2,761 crore.

"Namma Grama Sabai" App

- A new mobile application 'Namma Grama Sabai' has

been launched to monitor the conduct of Grama Sabhas.

Renovation of Rural Libraries

- ❖ Government orders have been issued to revive all the 12,525 rural libraries established under AGAMT in the Village Panchayats in three years. The library buildings will be repaired and renovated with infrastructural facilities in support of the elderly and differently-abled persons. During 2021-2022, 4,116 libraries were renovated at a cost of Rs.91.75 crore.
- ❖ In the year 2022-2023, 3808 libraries have been taken up for renovation at a cost of Rs.84.27 crore. In 2023-24, remaining 487 libraries will be taken up for revival.

Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam-II

- ❖ During the year 2021-2022, in 2,657 Gram Panchayats, 21,972 works were taken up at a cost of Rs.1,455 crore and 11,523 works have been completed. The remaining works are in progress.
- ❖ During the year 2022-2023, in 2,544 Gram Panchayats, 16,019 works were taken up at a cost of Rs.1,155.20 crore and 4,343 works have been completed. The remaining works are in progress.

Periyar Ninaivu Samathuvapuram

- ❖ The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu announced during the debate on the Governor's speech in the Legislative Assembly on 24.06.2021 that all the 238 Samathuvapurams in Tamil Nadu will be renovated. Accordingly, in the first phase, 149 Samathuvapurams had been taken up for renovation during the year 2021-2022 at a cost of Rs.190.44 crore and the works are nearing completion.
- ❖ In the second phase, during the year 2022-2023, Rs.67.01 crore has been allocated for the renovation of the remaining 88 Samathuvapurams.
- ❖ Mudhalvarin Grama Salaigal Membattu Thittam 10,000 Km of Panchayat Union Roads will be improved at a cost of Rs.4,000 crore.

Child Friendly School Infrastructure Development Scheme

- ❖ For the first time, in Panchayat Union Primary and Middle Schools, construction of 5,483 new classrooms have been taken up at a cost of Rs.823 crore.

Roads, bridges, schools and other basic facilities

- ❖ 6,229 road works at a length of 10,949.59 km and construction of 83 bridges have been completed at a cost of Rs.4,308.38 crore.

Adi Dravidar Habitations Improvement Scheme

- ❖ 2,124 works for basic facilities were completed at Adi Dravidar Habitations at a cost of Rs.136.46 crore.

Scheme component of Pooled Assigned Revenue

- ❖ For the development of the people residing in rural areas, 664 works for improving the infrastructure have been completed at a cost of Rs.220.73 crore.

- 56 Panchayat Union Office buildings and 10 Gasifier Crematoriums have been taken up at a cost of Rs.244.30 crore.
- 135 high-level bridges are to be constructed at a cost of Rs.509.47 crore.
- Housing for All - Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin.
- Under this scheme, the Union Government has allocated 8,17,439 houses to Tamil Nadu.
- During the period from 2016-2017 till 06.05.2021, construction of 2,89,730 houses had been completed. From 07.05.2021 to 20.03.2023, construction of 2,07,468 houses had been completed. Out of these, 1,54,552 houses had been constructed during the period from 07.05.2021 till 06.11.2022 and 52,916 houses had been constructed from 07.11.2022 till 20.03.2023. The construction works of the remaining houses are in progress and will be completed before 31.12.2023.
- The Union Government's share in the funds to the tune of Rs.768.10 crore which had not been released and the State Government's share to the tune of Rs.512.06 crore, were together released in January 2022 and March 2022 to the tune of Rs.1,280.16 crore.
- During this financial year, the Union Government's share worth Rs.1,495.74 crore and the State Government's share worth Rs.997.16 crore, in total Rs.2,492.90 crore was released.
- Of the total amount worth Rs.3,773.06 crore, so far Rs.2,743.05 has been expended for the scheme works.
- For setting up concrete roofs, the State Government has released Rs.605 crore in March 2022 and Rs.555.99 crore in February 2023.

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme

- During the year 2021-2022, 79.80 lakh beneficiaries from 67.76 households have been provided employment and through this, 31.97 crore man days have been generated.
- During the year 2022-2023, 75.02 lakh beneficiaries from 65.17 households have been provided employment and through this, 31.99 crore man days have been generated.
- 86.36% women have been provided employment and this is higher than the national average of 57.35%. Also, 30% reservation is being provided for women belonging to SC/ST communities.
- 1,28,707 differently-abled persons have been provided with employment.
- Unskilled workers have been given wage component worth Rs.14,023.48 crore and in total Rs.19,381.42 crore has been expended including the material component and wages for skilled workers.
- 73.95% has been expended for Natural Resource Management works and 78.12% for agriculture and allied activities.
- 100% of wage payments to workers have been madewithin 15 days.

Namakku Naame Thittam (Rural)

- The Namakku Naame Thittam started by former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Dr.Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi in the year 1997-1998, has been restarted during the year 2021-2022 with new regulations.

- Rs.100 crore has been accorded for this scheme. 2,772 works have been taken up and 1,749 works have been completed. The remaining works are in progress.

Member of Legislative Assembly Constituency Development Scheme

- Under the Member of Legislative Assembly Constituency Development Scheme, allocation of Rs.3 crore per constituency per annum is done to all the 234 constituencies of the State. Members of the Legislative Assembly can propose important works in their constituency to fulfil the critical gaps in infrastructure. This scheme is being implemented in rural and urban areas in the State. Necessary steps have been taken to release Rs.351 crore as second instalment which is 50 % of the total allocation of Rs.702 crore for the year 2022-2023 to all districts.

- During the years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023, 15,673 works have been taken up and 7,411 works have been completed. The remaining works are in progress.

Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme

- 2,312 works have been taken up and 946 works have been completed. The remaining works are in progress.

Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen)

- To improve sanitation facilities in households, toilets have been constructed in 96,541 households.

- Since there is lack of space to construct toilets in the Adi Dravidar and Tribal habitats, 2,552 community sanitary complexes have been constructed.

Jal Jeevan Mission

- 18,510 drinking water works were taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.2,558.59 crore and 15,427 works have been completed at a cost of Rs.1,595.42 crore.

- During the past two years, pipe water connections have been given to 40,94,645 houses.

- In the 1,25,51,754 rural households in Tamil Nadu, pipe water connections have been given to 79,00,647 households.

Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission

- The Critical Gap Fund and funds of other schemes were integrated and at a total cost of Rs.269 crore, 649 works such as supply of drinking water, road connections and other infrastructural facilities for economic activities.

Panchayat Raj

- The monthly honorarium of Panchayat Presidents has been increased from Rs.1,000 to Rs.2,000.

- 80 new Panchayat Union offices are to be constructed and Rs.23.64 lakh per house has been sanctioned. Works to improve the infrastructure are being carried out.

- 648 Village Secretariat buildings have been taken upto ensure physical convergence of important department offices at the Village Panchayat level at a cost of Rs.260 crore.

- Under the 15th Finance Commission, various types of 245 new medical buildings are being constructed.

- IT Infrastructure at Village Panchayats has been upgraded by providing Computer Hardware to ensure better service delivery in Panchayats.
- Online tax portal to collect House Tax/ Property Tax, Water Charges, Professional Tax, Trade Licences and Non-Tax revenues, etc., have been initiated in all Panchayats of the State. Further, Layout Approval, Building Permits and Industrial licensing will also be brought onlines hotly.
- Enhancement of powers of administrative sanction of Village Panchayats from Rs. 2 lakh to Rs. 5 lakh, Block Panchayats from Rs. 10 lakh to Rs. 25 lakh and that of the District Panchayats from Rs. 20 lakh to Rs.50 lakh.
- An increase of five to ten times in the sitting fee of local representatives has been announced.
- The Government has ordered that November 1 shall be observed as 'Local Governance Day' and Gram Sabha meetings are to be conducted well in all Gram Panchayats.
- To recognise those Gram Panchayats that are functioning efficiently, the 'Uthamar Gandhi Award' is being re-instituted and it will be conferred to One best performing Village Panchayat per district with a cash award of Rs.10 lakh.
- In recognising the contribution of the Private sector and Corporates in the development of Villages, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Award had been constituted. The Corporate Social Responsibility Award has been reinstituted to recognise the outstanding work under CSR social responsibility by Industrial houses and the Private sector in the area of community and Village development in rural areas.
- State Nodal Account (SNA) for Grants and Revenues to ensure better administration at the Village Panchayat level by reducing the workload and operating the accounts at ease.
- Necessary steps have been taken for the procurement of new vehicles for 388 Panchayat Union Presidents.
- An amount of Rs.5 crore has been allocated to the Sanitary Worker's Welfare Board to undertake the welfare activities of sanitary workers working in the Panchayats.
- Trail tests for implementing Internet of Things (IoT) based automatic sensor monitoring systems in the maintenance of streetlights are being done at two Gram Panchayats, namely, Mambakkam, Chengalpet district and Karungadu, Tirunelveli district.
- Necessary steps have been taken for the Panchayat Presidents elected belonging to Adidravidas, Scheduled Tribes, Women and other vulnerable sections of the society shall hoist the National flag on August 15 and January 26 with proper guidance, counselling and monitoring. The phone numbers of the Assistant Director (Panchayats) of all districts have been given to all, through which complaints regarding this can be redressed.
- A help desk is being established at the Directorate of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj with a toll-free number (155340) to redress the grievances of the citizens and elected representatives. This help desk will work 24 X 7 on all days.

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On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Annal Dr.Ambedkar, the Hon'ble Chief Minister offered his homage to Dr.Ambedkar by sprinkling flower petals to his portrait on 13.04.2023.

On the occasion of the 99th birth anniversary of Muthamizharignar, Dr.Kalaignar, the Hon'ble Chief Minister offered floral tributes to his portrait on 03.06.2022.

Higher Education including Technical Education, Electronics, Science and Technology

Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education
Dr. K.Ponmudy

- 16,647 Government school students have been admitted to Engineering colleges under 7.5% internal reservation. Rs. 151.73 crore has been allocated towards the tuition fee, hostel fee and transportation charges, etc., for these students.
- As the process of regular recruitment of 4,000 Assistant Professors in Government Colleges would take some time, considering the welfare of students, it was decided to fill up the existing 1,895 vacancies in the post of Assistant Professors with Guest Lecturers for 11 months with the consolidated pay of Rs. 20,000 per month. The existing method of recruitment of Guest Lecturers has been modified and applications have been invited online from eligible candidates. A Committee has also been constituted to select the eligible meritorious Guest Lecturers following a fair and transparent selection procedure. The recruitment process has been carried out in a phased manner and so far, 1,722 Guest Lecturers have been selected.
- The Institute of Road Transport at Perundurai, Erode District has been converted into a Government Engineering College.

- The number of post graduate students receiving the incentive, which is given to motivate them to focus on their education, has increased to 1,200.
- Rs. 8.64 crore has been accorded towards the disbursement of scholarship of Rs. 6,000 each for the 1,200 students who are pursuing their post-graduation course at Government and Government-aided engineering colleges, Anna University and the colleges affiliated to Anna University.
- In 10 Government colleges, the final year students are being taught foreign languages such as German, French, Japanese and Mandarin languages.
- 84 students who had completed a Diploma in Commercial Practice (DCOM) / Diploma in Office Management and Computer Applications can be directly admitted to second year B. Com., course.
- Smart classrooms are to be set up in 10 Government Polytechnic Colleges at a cost of Rs. 10 crore.
- Diploma in Civil Engineering and Diploma in Mechanical Engineering in Tamil medium has been introduced in Government Polytechnic colleges.
- The Government has accepted the expenses such as tuition fees, hostel fees and transportation charges of Government school students to facilitate them to pursue their higher education at IIT, IIM, IISc and several other institutions.
- Women-friendly Diploma courses and short certificate courses have been introduced to increase the enrolment of women in Polytechnic colleges.
- Entrepreneurship development hubs have been set in Chennai, Vellore, and Tiruchirappalli. Coimbatore and Thoothukudi Districts.
- Intensive coaching for competitive examinations such as CAT/GMAT/GRE and IELTS/TOEFL is given to 500 students from 10 Government Engineering Colleges.
- 3000 final-year students of Polytechnic colleges will be trained and the short-term skill training certificates will be issued to them, at a cost of Rs. 3 crore.
- Construction of additional hostel buildings at the Government Engineering colleges in Coimbatore, Salem, Karaikal and Vellore, at a cost of Rs. 34.10 crore.
- The Government has accorded a sum of Rs. 4.09 crore in the year 2021-2022 towards Project Management Consultant / Resource cost for the implementation of the project, design and roll-out of a Learning Management System Integrated with Enterprise Resource Planning Solution in the state.
- The "Tamil Nadu Unmanned Aerial Vehicles Corporation" was established in partnership

with the Madras Institute of Technology, Anna University.

- ❖ The monthly incentive of Rs. 1,000 given under the "Pudhumai Penn" scheme has benefitted 4,806 students of Government Polytechnic Colleges, 12,711 Engineering colleges and 1,27,767 students of Arts and Science Colleges,
- ❖ The Chief Minister's Research Grant scheme has been introduced from the year 2023-2024, at a cost of Rs. 50 crore.
- ❖ The monthly stipend given under the Chief Minister's Research Fellowship to 120 research students at Rs. 5,000 per month under the existing scheme shall be extended up to 2024-2045 in respect of postgraduate students and up to 2023-2024 in respect of M.Phil., students.
- ❖ Government Arts and Science Colleges are to be established at 20 places such as in Tiruchuli, Thirukoilur, Thalavadi, Ottanchathiram, Manur, Dharapuram, Eriyur, Alangudi, Serkadu, Koothanallur (Women) and others.
- ❖ For each of the colleges at Manapparai, Gingee, Thalli, Thirumayam, Anthiyur, Aravakurichi, Thirukattupalli, Reddiyarchatiram, Vadalur and Sriperumbudur, 17 teaching and 17 non-teaching posts have been created, and Rs. 52.05 crore has been allocated.
- ❖ Establishment of e-libraries in the 10 new colleges at a cost of Rs. 93 lakh.
- ❖ Smart classrooms at 50 Government Polytechnic Colleges at a cost of Rs. 10 lakh.
- ❖ Upgradation of e-libraries in 17 Government Arts and Science Colleges at a cost of Rs. 85 crore.
- ❖ Construction of permanent buildings for the Arts and Science colleges at Sankarankovil, Alangudi, Jambukulam, Vanur, Kattumannarkoil, Rameswaram, Rishivandiyam, Puliyankulam, Tharagampatti and Thiruvilliputhur at a cost of Rs.116.64 crore.
- ❖ Out of the 20 new Government colleges started during the years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023, for the construction of permanent buildings in 10 colleges, Rs. 128.17 crore have been allocated.
- ❖ Rs. 100 crore for improving the infrastructure in 55 Government Arts and science colleges under Perunthalaivar Kamarajar College Development Scheme. Rs. 25 crore has been allocated for constructing additional classrooms, laboratories and libraries at the Bharathi Women's College, Chennai.
- ❖ Rs.16.60 has been accorded for giving financial assistance of Rs. 16,600 each to 2,500 Government Engineering students and

7,500 Polytechnic college students for 25 days of internship training.

- ❖ Under the Naan Mudhalvan scheme, in collaboration with the Skill Development Corporation, new curriculum courses have been introduced, and 4,60,734 engineering students and 81,11,879 arts and science students have enrolled in this scheme. Under this program, training has been given to 12,582 engineering faculty members and 9,183 arts and science faculty members.
- ❖ Government Orders have been issued for the translation of 100 textbooks into the Tamil language in collaboration with the Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation.
- ❖ Innovation Hubs have been established at the Regional Science Centre, Coimbatore and Anna Science Centre, Tiruchirappalli for the benefit of school students at a cost of Rs. 3.30 crore.
- ❖ To provide a forum to the students and faculty members of Engineering and Polytechnic colleges to apply personalized learning strategies and inherent skills, and for promoting creative ideas with practical knowledge, the establishment of Fab Lab / Makers Space in five regions.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Open University has graduated 2,631 differently-abled students, the highest number in the country.
- ❖ During the academic year 2022-2023, 22 differently-abled students with hearing impairment were admitted into the M.Com., course, at the Presidency College, Chennai.
- ❖ Construction of permanent buildings for 17 Government Arts and Science Colleges at a cost of Rs. 209.14 crore.
- ❖ In the General Transfer Counselling, which had not been conducted for the past 3 years, 199 faculty members were transferred.
- ❖ The Services of 959 Assistant Professors who were appointed in the year 2015 have now beenregularized.
- ❖ Government Orders have been issued to recruit 4,000 Assistant Professors to fill the vacancies.
- ❖ Provision of internet facilities to 150 Government Arts and Science Colleges and Colleges of Education at a cost of Rs. 12 crore.
- ❖ Exemption of Fees is given for Jail inmates and transgender pursuing courses in the Tamil Nadu Open University.
- ❖ Regional centres of the Tamil Nadu Open University have been established at Mayiladuthurai, Sivaganga, Tiruvannamalai and Salem. Also, a Chair in the name of Thiruvalluvar was established at this University.

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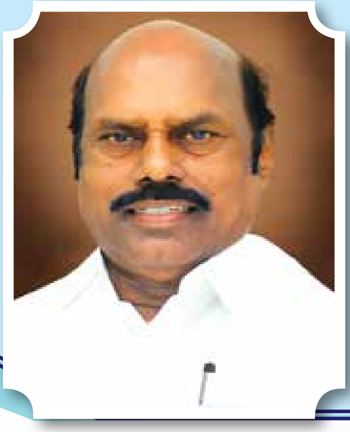

Public Works (Buildings) Highways and Minor Ports

Hon'ble Minister for Public Works

Thiru. E.V. Velu

- Construction of Kalaignar Library at the Campus of Ulaga Tamil Sangam at Madurai at an estimated cost of Rs.114 crore. Civil works completed and interior works are in progress and will be put to public usage soon.
- Memorial Pillar at an estimated cost of Rs.1.95 crore has been constructed in Chennai in Commemoration of the 75th year of Indian Independence and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 15.08.2021.
- Construction of Memorial for Muthamizharignar Kalaignar at Kamarajar Salai, Chennai at an estimated cost of Rs.39 crore.

- Construction of Jallikattu auditorium at Keelakarai Village in Madurai at an estimated cost of Rs.44.06 crore is to be taken up.
- Establishment of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar Statue at Tamil Nadu Government Multi Super Speciality Hospital Campus in Omandurar Government Estate, Chennai for an amount of Rs.1.70 crore. Completed and inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.
- Upgrading Peripheral Hospital, Periyar Nagar, Chennai to 300 bedded COVID Hospital at a cost of Rs.12.69 crore.
- To overcome the outbreak of 2nd wave of pandemic COVID-19, additional 14,683 Nos. of Oxygen beds for the Government Medical College Hospitals, Government District Headquarters Hospitals and Primary Health Centers were procured by the Public Works Department at a cost of Rs.152.50 crore.
- Under Tamil Nadu Emergency COVID Rehabilitation Project -2, ICU Beds (2,096) with Oxygen facilities are provided at a cost of Rs.60.78 crore in 50 Government Hospitals, 37 District Head Quarters Hospitals and 116 Sub District Hospitals.
- Construction of Multi Super Speciality Hospital in the premises of King Institute of Preventive Medicine & Research, Guindy Chennai at an estimated costof Rs.230 crore.
- Transformation of 71 Government ITI as Technology Centers to meet Industry Standards at an estimated cost of Rs.264.83 crore. Among 71 ITI workshops, 69 works at an estimated cost of Rs. 257.37 crore.
- Revamping & Rectification of all Civil & Electrical Works at Anna Centenary Library in Kotturpuram, Chennai at an estimated cost of Rs.37.82 crore.
- Construction of Memorial for Ki.Rajanarayanan at Kovilpatti in Thoothukudi District at an estimated cost of Rs.1.51 crore.
- Construction of an Ornamental Entrance Arch in the entrance in D.P.I compound, Nungambakkam, Chennai at an estimated cost of Rs.85 lakh in commemoration of Centenary Birth year of Perasiriyar K.Anbazhagan has been completed and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
- Construction of Manimandapam for Thiru.Ayothi Dasar at Gandhi Mandapam Campus, Guindy, Chennai at an estimated cost of Rs.2.48 crore, Renovation works at Adhiyamankottai in Dharmapuri District at an estimated cost of Rs.98 lakh and Renovation of Gandhi Mandapam, Gandhi Museum, Kamaraj Memorial, Bakthavachalam Memorial in Gandhi Mandapam Campus at an estimated cost of Rs.3.36 crore are in progress.
- Construction of Conference Hall and Exhibition Hall, Erecting Full Statue for Thiru.V.K.Palanisamy Gounder, Thiru. C.Subiramaniam, Pollachi. Thiru. Na. Magalingam at Pollachi in Coimbatore District at an estimated cost of Rs.4.28 crore, Construction of Memorial Hall and Full Statue arrangements for freedom fighter Dhali Paalaiyakkarar Malayandi Venkidubathi Etthalappar Nayakkar at Thirumoorthinagar, Udumalapet Taluk in Tiruppur District at an estimated cost of Rs.2.53 crore, Construction of Thiyagi Aiya Thiru M.A. Easwaran Statue and Arangam at Bhavanisagar in Erode District at an estimated

cost of Rs.2.60 crore and Construction of Rao Bahadhur Cruz Fernandez Memorial Building in Thoothukudi District at an estimated cost of Rs.77 lakh are in progress.

- Construction of 37 New Veterinary Dispensaries at an estimated cost of Rs.25 crore under NABARD RIDFXXVII Scheme to be commenced.

- Construction of New Hostel Building at MC Raja Hostel Campus at Saidapet, Chennai at an estimated cost of Rs.44.50 crore is to be taken up.

- Establishment of Native Chicken Breeding Farm, Hatchery Unit and Fodder Unit at Chettinadu Veterinary Livestock in Ramanathapuram District at an estimated cost of Rs.14.74 crore and Establishment of Native Breeding farm and a Hatchery unit at District Livestock, Abishekapatti in Tirunelveli District at an estimated cost of Rs.19.52 crore are in progress.

- Renovation of existing quarantine shed at Kuruthukulli in The Nilgiris District at an estimated cost of Rs.1.97 crore to be commenced.

- 92 Projects sanctioned under NABARD assisted scheme for Providing Infrastructural facilities in Government Kallar High School and Higher Secondary Schools at total

estimated cost of Rs.50.09 crore. 47 Projects has been completed, 37 Projects are in progress and 8 Projects are to be taken up.

- Construction of Denotified communities Hostel buildings for college boys at Sankarankovil in Tenkasi District at an estimated cost of Rs.3.31 crore and Construction of Backward class Hostel buildings for college girls at Solaicheri in Tenkasi District at an estimated cost of Rs.3.29 crore are in progress.
- Construction of Protection wall arrangements in 7 Government Backward Class, Most Backward Class College and Hostel Buildings at an estimated cost of Rs.1.01 crore, 5 works completed and 2 works are in progress.
- Construction of Denotified Communities hostel buildings for school students at Nayinarkovil and kovilankulam in Ramanathapuram District at an estimated cost of Rs.7.42 crore are to be taken up.
- Construction of Backward Class, Most Backward Class & Denotified Communities college Girls Hostel building at Veppanthattai, Thittamalai, Palacode & Karaikudi in Perambalur, Erode, Dharmapuri & Sivagangai Districts at an estimated cost of Rs.22.21 crore are in progress.
- Constuction of new building for National Level Institute for Co-operative at Mannavanur Village in Kodaikanal Taluk, Dindigul District at an estimated cost of Rs.126 crore is to be taken up.
- Construction of Co-operative Arts & Science College at Athur Taluk in Dindigul District at an estimated cost of Rs.75.75 crore is in progress.
- Construction of New Government Medical College Buildings in 11 Districts of Dindigul, Ramanathapuram, Virudhunagar, Namakkal, Krishnagiri, Nagapattinam, Tiruppur, The Nilgiris, Tiruvallur, Ariyalur and Kallakurichi at total cost of Rs.1,393.17 crore are completed and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, are in usage.
- Construction of Center of Excellence for Cancer Additional Floors (Third floor to fifth floor) at Government Scholar Anna Memorial Cancer Hospital, Karapettai, Kancheepuram District at an estimated cost of Rs.100 crore is to be taken up.
- Upgradation of 3 Government Hospitals as Tamil Nadu Accident and Emergency Care Initiative (TAEI) Centre with equipments at Uthamapalayam & Periyakulam in Theni District and at Thirumayam in Pudukottai District at total cost of Rs.22 crore are to be taken up.
- Construction of Hospital building at Uthiramerur Government Hospital, Kancheepuram District at an estimated cost of Rs.10 crore are in progress.
- Construction of Establishment of 50 bedded Critical Care block in 6 Medical College Hospitals at Chengalpattu, Dharmapuri, Tiruvarur, Thanjavur, Tirunelveli and Sivagangai and 4 Government Hospitals at Oddanchathram, Sirkazhi, Melur and Uthangarai at an estimated cost of Rs.237.50 crore are in progress.
- Strengthening of Government Peripheral Hospital, Periyar Nagar with construction of additional buildings at an estimated cost of Rs.55.07 crore, buildings to render the services like Full body check up, Accident wound treatment section, Non-communicable disease section, Dialysis, Blood Bank are in progress.

❖ Construction of Neuro Block in Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital, Chennai at an estimated cost of Rs.60 crore to be taken up.

❖ Construction of Establishment of 100 bedded Critical Care block in Cuddalore Government Hospital at an estimated cost of Rs.40.05 crore are in progress.

❖ Construction of New Tower Block building in Kilpauk Medical College, Chennai (World Bank Assistance Scheme) at an estimated cost of Rs.125 crore to be taken up.

❖ Construction of new buildings to strengthen 25 Primary Health centers at an estimated cost of Rs.30 crore, Construction of New buildings to strengthen the Maternal and Child Health center in 6 Government Hospitals at an estimated cost of Rs.50.30 crore, 24 new Urban Primary Health centers at an estimated cost of Rs. 30 crore, Construction of buildings to Maternal and Child Health wings in Government Hospital, Tiruvannamalai at an estimated cost of Rs.20 crore, Construction of 100 bedded Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (CEmONC) Center at Government Medical College Hospitals, Sivagangai District at an estimated cost of Rs.10 crore, Construction of Establishment of 12 District Integrated Public Health Laboratories in Government Hospitals at an estimated cost of Rs.15 crore, Strengthening of Trauma and Emergency Care (TAEI), Establishment of Sound Proof Room for 25 CEmONC centres in 3 Government Hospitals at an estimated cost of Rs.3 crore, Construction of New buildings to Special New Born Care Units in Government Hospitals at an estimated cost of Rs.90 lakh and Construction of Additional State Vaccine Store at Government Primary Health Centre in Nandhivaram, Chengalpattu District at an estimated cost of Rs.66 lakh are to be taken up.

❖ Construction of New TAEI Building in Government Hospital Vandhavasi, Tiruvannamalai District at an estimated cost of Rs.5 crore and Construction of Quarters for Medical Officer and Staff Nurse Quarters (Twin Type) in Upgraded Primary Health Center in Pathamadai in Tirunelveli District at an estimated cost of Rs.60 lakh are in progress.

- Establishment of Modern Post Mortem Block in Government Hospital Yercaud, Salem Districtat an estimated cost of Rs.1.05 crore and Establishment of Poison Management Centre at Government Hospital, Kalakkadu, Tirunelveli District (World Bank Assistance Scheme) at an estimated cost of Rs.40 lakh under World Bank assisted Scheme are in progress.
- Construction of Twin Staff Nurse Quarters at Primary Health Center, Rajadhani, Theni District with World Bank Assistance at an estimated cost of Rs.30 lakh are in progress.
- Construction of DTCP Office buildings for 12 Districts of Tiruvarur, Ariyalur, Nagapattinam, Pudukottai, Ramanathapuram, Virudhunagar, Namakkal, Tenkasi, Dindigul, Karur, Perambalur and Theni at an amount of Rs.22.24 crore are to be taken up.
- Construction of Additional Staff Quarters for Anna Institute of Management at Raja Annamalaipuram, Chennai at an estimated cost of Rs.3.48 crore to be taken up.
- Construction of Additional Law Officers Block in premises of Madurai Bench of Madras High Court at Madurai at an estimated cost of Rs.4.28 crore is in progress.
- Construction of Quarters for the Chairman, Permanent Lok Adalat and Secretary, District Legal Services Authority in Combined Court Building Campus at Dharmapuri in Dharmapuri District at an estimated cost of Rs.2.16 crore is in progress.
- Construction of New Nine Storyed Building for Various Sections of Madras High Court, Chennai at an estimated cost of Rs.20.24 crore is in progress.
- Construction of Multistoried Building to accommodate 60 subordinate courts of High Court of Madras, Purasaivakkam, Chennai at an estimated cost of Rs.315 crore are to be taken up.
- Providing Amenities (Civil Works) to the Corporation Community Hall Building for accommodating the Commercial Court and Commercial Appellate Court at Srinivasapuram in Coimbatore District at an estimated cost of Rs.82.94 lakh is in progress.
- Construction of Two Multistoried Building for 16 Court Halls in Combined Court Building Campus at Salem in Salem District at an estimated cost of Rs.59.53 crore to be taken up for implementation.
- Construction of Government Law College, boys and girls Hostels and Infrastructural facilities at Master Plan complex in Namakkal District at an estimated cost of Rs.92.31 crore is in progress.
- Construction of New Library building to the Government Law College at Tirunelveli at an estimated cost of Rs.7 crore to be taken up for implementation.
- Construction of New Library building to the Government Law college at Vellore at an estimated cost of Rs.7 crore to be taken up for implementation.
- Construction of play ground in Chennai Dr.Ambedkar Government Law College at Pattaraiperumputhur in Thiruvallur District at an estimated cost of Rs.1.50 crore to be taken up for implementation.
- Construction of 5 new Circuit House buildings at Head Quarters in newly formed districts of Chengalpattu, Ranipet, Kallakurichi, Tirupathur, Mayiladuthurai at an estimated cost of Rs.34.17 crore are under progress.

- ❖ Construction of 5 additional Circuit House Buildings at Vellore, Nagapattinam, Tiruvannamalai, Cheyyar and Jamunamarathur at an estimated cost of Rs.26.09 crore are in progress.
- ❖ Construction of Inspection Bungalow at Vaniyambadi at an estimated cost of Rs.1.69 crore is under progress.
- ❖ Construction of new Circuit House Building at Sathur in Virudhunagar District at an estimated cost of Rs.2.43 crore is under progress.
- ❖ Improvements to the Circuit House Main Building and additional Circuit House buildings at Madurai in Madurai District at an estimated cost of Rs.4.48 crore is under progress.
- ❖ Construction and Maintenance Division Office Building including 3 sub division offices and 5 section offices in Cuddalore at an estimated cost of Rs.4.43 crore is under progress.
- ❖ Construction and Maintenance of Division office buildings at Kallakuruchi in Kallakuruchi District at an estimated cost of Rs 2.73 crore to be taken up.
- ❖ Construction of Sub Division office at Dindugul at an estimated cost of Rs.44.88 lakh is completed.
- ❖ Construction of Sub Division office at Madurai at an estimated cost of Rs.75 lakh is completed.
- ❖ Construction of Sub Division office at Karaikudi at an estimated cost of Rs.93.28 lakh is in progress.
- ❖ Construction of Sub Division office at Thoothukudi at an estimated cost of Rs.40 lakh is completed.
- ❖ Improvement works such as Rainwater drainage works, Repairs to internal roads, compound wall and other works in PWD Campus at Taramani, Chennai at an estimated cost of Rs.4.67 crore is under progress.
- ❖ Construction of dining hall for Lady employees in PWD Campus at Chepauk, Chennai at an estimated cost of Rs.67.88 lakh to be taken up.

- Construction of 16 New Quarters for Government Staff by replacing the old quarters in The Nilgiris District at an estimated cost of Rs.5.21 crore to be taken up.
- Construction of New multistoryed "C" type Quarters (190) at Todhunter Nagar, Saidapet at an estimated cost of Rs.99.76 crore to be taken up.
- Renovation of 9 blocks comprising of 54 houses in PWD Workshop staff quarters at Thondayarpettai, Chennai at an estimated cost of Rs.1.33 crore is under progress.
- Conservation, Renovation and Restoration of 17 Heritage Buildings in Various Districts of Tamil Nadu at an estimated cost of Rs.103.74 crore are in progress.
- Procurement of Scientific Instruments required for all regional offices and lab equipments for quality control divisions at an estimated cost of Rs.10 crore is under progress.
- Construction of Additional building in Dharmapuri District Collectorate campus in Dharmapuri District at an estimated cost of Rs.36.62 crore is under progress.
- Construction of 5 Taluk Office Buildings and 8 Tahsildar Quarters buildings at an estimated cost of Rs.25.03 crore is under progress.
- Construction of Cyclone Shelter at Nambiyar Nagar Village of NagapattinamTaluk in Nagapattinam District at an estimated cost of Rs.6.35 crore is to be taken up.
- Modernization of Connemara Public Library Building at Chennai District at an estimated cost of Rs.3.19 crore is completed and put into use.
- Construction of Dr.S.R. Aranganathan Memorial Model Library Building at Sirkali in Mayiladuthurai District at an estimated cost of Rs.1.32 crore is in progress.
- Construction of Auditorium, Additional Class room and Entrance Arch in M.D.T.Hindu Higher Secondary School in Tirunelveli District at an estimated cost of Rs.1.05 crore is in progress.
- Construction of Sennapulavar R.Karmeganar Branch Library Building at Abiramam in Ramanathapuram District at an estimated cost of Rs.40 lakh is in progress.
- Construction of Dormitory cum Class Room Building Residential School at 6 places in Sokkumaripalayam, Nanjai Puliyampatti & Kurichi at Erode District and Pachery, Tharisukadu &Vanapuram at Kallakurichi District at total estimated cost of Rs.6.03 crore. 5 Works are in progress & One Work is to be taken up.
- 18 Projects sanctioned under NABARD assisted scheme RIDF XXVII for Construction of Class Rooms, Laboratories & Drinking Water facilities in Government High School and Higher Secondary Schools at an estimated cost of Rs.32.85 crore. 18 Projects are in progress.
- Construction of Convict block, Remand block and Modern kitchen block (Place of safety) in Government After Care Organisation at Athur, Chengalpattu District at an estimated cost of Rs.15.95 crore is in progress.
- Establishment of "Integrated Training Centre for Social Empowerment" in Athur, Chengalpattu District at an estimated cost of Rs.27 crore is in progress.
- Providing additional safety Compound wall arrangements for observation home in Government Children Home Campus in

Thanjavur District at an estimated cost of Rs.63 lakh is in progress.

- ❖ Renovation and Special Repair works of Komari Building located at Government Central Press, Chennai at an estimated cost of Rs. 93 lakh is in progress.
- ❖ Special Repairs to Damaged Floor, Wall, Leaky Roof including Water Supply and Sanitary arrangements in old RDO office (proposed conversion as MUSEUM) in Nagapattinam District at an estimated cost of Rs.1.39 crore is to be taken up.
- ❖ Renovation of Compound wall of Danish Fort at Sathangudi Village in Tharangambadi Taluk of Mayiladuthurai District at an estimated cost of Rs.63 lakh is in progress.
- ❖ Conservation, Renovation and Restoration of Brodie Castle Heritage Building (Thendral Main Building) in Government Music College at Greenways Road, Chennai at an estimated cost of Rs.2.80 crore is to be taken up.
- ❖ Renovation and Rehabilitation of Eyal Isai Nataka Manram "Ponni Campus" at Greenways Road, Adyar, Chennai at an estimated cost of Rs.1.54 crore is in progress.
- ❖ Construction of District Music School at Cuddalore in Cuddalore District at an estimated cost of Rs.1.60 crore is in progress.
- ❖ Renovation of Open Air Auditorium in Tamil Nadu Dr.J Jayalalitha Music and Fine Arts University in Adayar, Chennai at an estimated cost of Rs.1.43 crore is in progress.
- ❖ Construction of Infrastructure Facilities for proposed Theme Park in Fossil Museum at Varanavasi in Ariyalur District at an estimated cost of Rs.10 crore is to be taken up.
- ❖ Construction of new Museum Building Complex to preserve the underneath Artefacts excavated at Porunai (Porunai Museum) at Kulavanigarpuram Village, Palayamkottai

Taluk in Tirunelveli District at an estimated cost of Rs.33.02 crore is to be takenup.

- Construction of building for Government Museum in Master Plan Complex inVillupuram District at an estimated cost of Rs.5.60 crore is to be taken up.

Highways Department

Road works

- Widening/Improvements of 3670.91 km length of roads and construction of 869 Bridges/ Culverts at a cost of Rs.5,412.26 crore under the Comprehensive Road Infrastructure Development Programme.

- Improvements to 3592.33 km length of roads at a cost of Rs.887.41 crore under the Improvements to Riding Quality Programme (IRQP).

- Works at Illuppur Bypass to a length of 5.4 km at a cost of Rs.23crore.

- Upgradation of Panchayat / Panchayat Union Roads to the standard of other District Roads to a length of 2,325 km at a cost of Rs.2,111.65 crore.

- Upgradation of Vridhachalam - Parangipettai Road at a cost of Rs.129.94 crore.

- Upgradation of two bypasses in Nakkasalem and Kurumbalur at a cost of Rs.209.18 crore.

- Upgradation of Jawans Bhavan Road at a cost of Rs.1.97 crore.

- Under the Comprehensive Road Infrastructure Development Programme, the construction of 474 bridges / small bridges and road works at a length of 823.09 km are to be done at a cost of Rs.2,311.15 crore.

- Upgradation of surfaces of the road at a length of 423.67 km at a cost of Rs.346.53 crore.

- Under the Comprehensive Road Infrastructure Development Programme, 373 road safety works at a cost of Rs.131.19 crore and under the Road Safety Scheme, 66 road safety works at a cost of Rs.56.95 crore are to be done.

High-level bridges

- Construction/reconstruction of 120 High-Level bridges at a cost of Rs.340.64 crore under the NABARD loan assistance scheme.

- Construction of High-Level bridges across the River Cheyyar at Thandarai - Eraiyur Road in Thiruvannamalai District at a cost of Rs. 17.04 crore, across the river, Coleroon connecting Thiruvanaikoil road and Grand Anaicut road at Kallanai at a cost of Rs. 90.96 crore, across River, Pennaiyar at a cost of Rs.27.92 crore and across the river Bhavani at Puliyampatti – Bhavani Sagar – Bannari (MDR-889) at a cost of Rs.7.98 crore.

- 435 Ground - level bridges converted into High - level bridges.

- 25 High - level bridges at a cost of Rs.98.97 crore under NABARD loan assistance and state fund schemes.

- 123 cause ways converted into High - level bridges.

Grade separator

- Construction of Grade Separator at Madurai - Thondi road and Madurai Ring Road junction at a cost of Rs. 53.12 crore.

- Construction of Grade Separator at the intersection of Taramani Road, Tambaram Velachery Road and Velachery Bypass Road at Velachery Vijayanagaram, the Taramani Link Road to Velachery Bypass Road Arm at a cost of Rs.67 crore and Velachery Bypass

Road to Velachery – Tambaram road Arm at a cost of Rs.78.49 crore.

❖ Construction of Grade Separator in Jawaharlal Nehru Salai (IRR) at the junction of Kaliyamman Koil Street and City Bus entrance of CMBT at Koyambedu, Chennai at a cost of Rs.93.50 crore.

❖ Construction of Grade Separator connecting Medavakkam- Sholinganallur Road Junction, Medavakkam- Mambakkam Road Junction and Mount Medavakkam Road Junction in Marmalong Bridge - Irumbuliyur Road at Medavakkam, Tambaram to Velachery Arm at a cost of Rs.95.21 crore.

Road Over Bridge (ROB)

❖ Construction of ROB in lieu in Annanur at a cost of Rs.72.82 crore.

❖ Construction of ROB in between Kadambathur and Thiruvalangadu Railway Stations (Near Kadambathur Railway station) at a cost of Rs. 25.74 crore.

❖ Construction of ROB at Chennai - Ponnerikkarai Kancheepuram road near Kancheepuram Railway station at a cost of Rs. 59.63 crore.

❖ Construction of ROB in between Vandalur -Guduvancherry Railway Station (Near Urapakkam) at a cost of Rs. 34.50 crore.

❖ Construction of Road Over Bridge at Olakkur Feeder Road in between Olakkur - Tindivanam railway stations at a cost of Rs. 20.96 crore.

❖ Construction of ROB at Cuddalore - Chittoor roadin between Thiruvennainallur and Parikkal Railway stations in Chennai - Trichy Chord line at a cost of Rs. 22.63 crore.

❖ Construction of ROB in between Latheri and Virinjipuram Railway stations and at T.K.V

Kottah Road to Virinjipuram Road at a cost of Rs.22.23 crore.

- Construction of ROB in between Thandarai and Thiruvannamalai Railway Stations and at Pondy - Krishnagiri Road at a cost of Rs. 38.74 crore.
- Construction of ROB at Pollachi - Palakkad road in between Pollachi and Kinathukadavu Railway stations at a cost of Rs.48.48 crore.
- Construction of Road Over Bridge at Tholasampatty road in between Omalur and Mecheri Railway stations at a cost of Rs. 30.13 crore.
- Construction of ROB in between Sivadi and Dharmapuri railway stations at a cost of Rs.12.08 crore.

Road Under Bridge (RUB)

- Construction of RUB at Nanguneri - Ervadi - Valliyoor - Vijayapathi Road in between Nanguneri and Valliyoor Railway Stations at a cost of Rs. 14.52 crore.

Completed Works funded by the Government of India

- In National Highways, road works at a cost of Rs.1,555.50 crore.
- Under the Periodical Renewal Scheme, 48.44 km length of roads at a cost of Rs. 45.20 crore.
- Under Annual plan, road and bridge works at a cost of Rs. 70.15 crore.

Works In Progress

- Under Chief Minister Road Development Programme (CMRDP), widening 402.92 km length of roads from two lanes to four lanes at a cost of Rs.3 530.35 crore and 1 163.55 km length of roads from intermediate lanes to two lanes at a cost of Rs. 1 668.29 crore.
- Under Urban Improvement Programme, 186 works at a cost of Rs.694.50 crore.
- 158 bridges at a cost of Rs.874.50 crore under the NABARD loan assistance scheme.
- Construction of bridges across the river at Coimbatore -Ukkadam road at a cost of Rs.140.49 crore.
- Elevated corridors from Goldwins to Uppilipalayam in Coimbatore city at a cost of Rs.1,621.30 crore.

Development works in Greater Chennai

- On Mount-Poonamallee Avadi road from MIOT Hospital to Mugalivakkam integrated with CMRL metro rail work at a cost of Rs.314.48 crore.
- Vehicular Under Pass integrated with CMRL Metro rail work near Madipakkam at a cost of Rs.45.50 crore.
- Grade Separators at Madhya Kailash in Chennai at a cost of Rs.49.59 crore.

Tamil Nadu Maritime Board

- In order to handle Cargo for Industries located in Central and Western Districts of Tamil Nadu, through small and medium-sized ships, the Government issued Orders for the selection and engagement of the competent Port Operator for Marketing, Operation and Maintenance of the developed Cuddalore Port.

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Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering, Agro Service Co-operatives, Horticulture, Sugars, Sugarcane Excise, Sugarcane Development and Waste Land Development

Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare

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Food Grain Mission

- Separate Budget for agriculture for the first time in Tamil Nadu.
- 119.98 lakh metric tonnes of food grain production has been achieved. This is 11.74 lakh metric tonnes (11 per cent) higher than last year's production.
- 122.15 lakh metric tonnes of millet crop production target was set to be 7.5 lakh MT and 4.99 lakh metric tonnes was produced. Food Grain production is achieved in an area of 39.09 lakh hectares.

Paddy

- An amount of Rs. 20.90 crore in National Agricultural Development Program and an amount of Rs. 7.51 crore in National Food Security Mission were sanctioned to increase paddy cultivation area, production and productivity by providing incentives to farmers for production and distribution of paddy seeds and by providing subsidy for inputs in the year.

Rs. 15.10 crore in National Agriculture Development Programme and Rs. 4.57 crore in Food and Nutrition Security Mission.

- ❖ To improve soil health by utilising liquid bio-fertilisers, an amount of Rs. 3.60 crore was allocated for area of 1,20,000 hectares in National Agricultural Development Program,1,20,000 hectares and 1,20,000 farmers benefited.
- ❖ Paddy has been cultivated in an area of 22.05 lakh ha. This is an increase of 1.7 lakh ha higher than in the previous year.

Kuruvai Cultivation Package Scheme

- ❖ Hon'ble Chief Minister opened the Mettur Dam on 12th June to promote Kuruvai paddy cultivation in Cauvery Delta districts of Tamil Nadu and announced Kuruvai Cultivation Package Scheme with an allocation of Rs.61.09 crore.
- ❖ While the target was 3.50 lakh acres for Kuruvai paddy cultivation during the year 2021 an area of 4.90 lakh acres was cultivated.
- ❖ 2,870 MT of paddy seeds was distributed to an area of 1,33,560 acres at a cost of Rs. 5 crore and 1,11,355 farmers benefited. 31,045 MT fertilizers were distributed to 1,88,471 acres at a cost of Rs. 41.07 crore and 1, 59, 465 farmers benefited.
- ❖ 4.80 MT green manure seeds have been distributed to 24,000 acres at a cost of Rs. 3.36 crore and 16,342 farmers have been benefited.
- ❖ Distribution of farm machinery and construction of farm ponds is being implemented by the Department of Agricultural Engineering. So far 239 farmers have been benefited at a cost of Rs. 9.21 crore.
- ❖ Historical achievement of 5.36 lakh acres of paddy cultivation in Kuruvai season during the current year has been achieved because of early opening of Mettur Dam on 24th May for irrigation, i.e. 19 days earlier than normal opening date, prior de-silting of canals, lakes and implementation of Kuruvai special package scheme with an outlay of Rs.61.12 crore.
- ❖ 2,400 MT of paddy seeds for 1,20,000 acres at a cost of Rs. 4.20 crore and 22,743 MT of fertilizers for 1,89,478 acres at a cost of Rs. 46.73 crore have been distributed to the farmers under this scheme.

Provision of tarpaulin to reduce post-harvest losses

- ❖ A total of 54,933 tarpaulins have been procured at a cost of Rs. 5 crore and distributed to 54,933 farmers so far.

Supply of Zinc Sulphate and Gypsum to increase productivity in paddy

- ❖ An amount of Rs. 3 crore was allocated to increase productivity in paddy in Agricultural Demand session 2021-2022, to distribute zinc sulphate and gypsum to 50,000 acres. A total of 50,000 farmers benefited under this scheme.

Millets

- ❖ In order to increase the area, production & productivity of millets and to create awareness among the public on importance of millets (Tamil Nadu Millet Mission Scheme) (NFSM – Nutri Cereals, NFSM – Coarse Cereals and NADP – Special Package for bringing fallow land into cultivation schemes) was successfully implemented with the financial out lay of Rs. 68.42 crore. Through these schemes, millets were cultivated in 9.24 lakh acre and 1,11,494 farmers were benefitted.
- ❖ To increase area, production and productivity of nutri cereals like Cumbu, Ragi, Varagu, Thinai, Kuthiraivaali and Samai and to promote cultivation of these crops, two millet

special zones have been formed comprising 22 districts viz., Cuddalore, Villupuram, Kallakurichi, Vellore, Thiruvannamalai, Salem, Namakkal, Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri, Madurai, Theni, Dindigul, Ramanathapuram, Virudhunagar, Thoothukudi, Perambalur, Ariyalur, Sivagangai, Tenkasi, Karur, Erode and Trichy districts.

Pulses

❖ In order to increase the area and Production of Pulses "Pulses Development Scheme" was implemented with the financial allocation of Rs. 45.97 crore. The scheme has been implemented at an expenditure of Rs. 38.48 crore benefitting 1,91,356 beneficiaries.

❖ In order to increase the area and production of Pulses and to attain self sufficiency in pulses production, "Pulses Development Scheme" is being implemented with the financial allocation of Rs. 57.17 crore. Further, in order to increase the area and production of Redgram, "Redgram special zone" has been organised comprising of Krishnagiri, Dharmapuri, Thiruvannamalai and Salem districts.

❖ Pulses Cultivation after Paddy Scheme is being implemented in an area of 10 lakh acres with the financial allocation of Rs. 30.30 crore. Through this scheme, High yielding certified Blackgram / Greengram seeds are distributed to farmers at Rs.400 per acre with an assistance of 50% subsidy. So far, 2,264 MT of seeds have been distributed under this scheme.

❖ Special Package of Assistance for Alternative Crops during Kuruvai season, and NADP – Special package for bringing fallow land into cultivation is also being implemented, So far the above schemes are being implemented benefitting 2,59,666 beneficiaries.

Oil seeds

❖ "Oil seeds Area and Production Development Scheme" is being implemented with an allocation of Rs.28.50 crore. So far, an expenditure of Rs.41.70 crore has been incurred and 1,48,812 farmers have been benefited under these schemes.

❖ 'Golden bean – Increase area under Soybean' is being implemented in an area of 2,400 ha under this scheme in Thanjavur, Salem, Tiruvallur, Tirunelveli, Villupuram

and Cuddalore districts of Tamil Nadu with an allocation of Rs. 1.20 crore. So far, 2,211 ha have been covered under Soybean demonstration with an expenditure of Rs. 90.35 lakh benefitting 1,590 farmers.

Cotton

- "Sustainable cotton Cultivation Mission" and "National Food Security Mission -Cotton" schemes were implemented with a financial achievement of Rs.21.32 crore. Totally 75,116 cotton farmers have benefited.

Coconut

- Under Coconut Development Board assisted scheme Rs.26.33 crore has been sanctioned, in which Rs.18.52 crore expenditure has been incurred so far covering 15,540 beneficiaries and it is in progress.

Micro Irrigation Scheme

- Under PMKSY- Micro Irrigation Scheme, micro irrigation systems like drip irrigation, sprinkler, rain gun are installed by approved micro irrigation firms with 100% subsidy for small/marginal farmers and 75% subsidy for other farmers. Micro-irrigation systems were installed to 83,726 farmers to an area of 2,23,560 acres of agricultural crops at a cost of Rs. 627.43 crore.

Tamil Nadu Seed Development Agency (TANSEDA)

- 35,170 MT of Paddy, 1,533 MT of Millets, 9,921 MT of Pulses, 7,773 MT of Oil seeds and 46 MT of Cotton totalling 54,444 MT of certified seeds have been procured from the seed farms registered by the Department of Agriculture.
- 36,534 MT of Paddy, 1,379 MT of Millets, 8,147 MT of Pulses, 8,211 MT of Oil seeds and 42 MT of Cotton totalling 54,313 MT of Seeds have been distributed to farmers by Department of Agriculture.

Nel Jeyaraman's Traditional Paddy Conservation Mission

- To conserve the medicinal value traditional paddy varieties, to produce and distribute the seeds, Nel Jeyaraman Traditional Paddy Conservation Mission has been announced. Under this scheme, 16 traditional Paddy varieties was cultivated in 33 State seed farms by the Department of Agriculture in an area of 200 acres and the seeds produced is being distributed to farmers at 50% subsidy through Block Integrated Agriculture Extension Centres. This scheme is being implemented at an allocation of Rs.25 lakh.

Distribution of Agricultural Implements to farmers

- In the year 2021-2022, 65,734 agricultural implements have been distributed at an expenditure of Rs.29.75 crore benefitting 1,24,246 small and marginal farmers at 75% subsidy to general farmers and 90% subsidy to scheduled caste and scheduled tribe farmers.

Plant protection

- To control the management of Infestation of Fall Army Worm in an area of 80,000 ha, an amount of Rs. 20 crore was allocated towards distribution of Plant Protection inputs at subsidized cost. 77,399 Maize cultivating farmers were benefitted under this scheme.
- Coconut is being cultivated in an area of 4.5 lakh ha. Control of Rugose Spiralling Whitefly has become a major challenge in Coconut crop. Therefore, to control the infestation of Rugose Spiralling Whitefly, inputs such as Yellow sticky trap and Predator namely Chrsoperla sp were distributed to an area of 20,000 ha with a financial allocation of Rs. 2 crore during 2021-2022. 15,366 coconut cultivating farmers were benefitted under this scheme.
- To ensure the adoption of Integrated Pest Management Technologies among the

farmers, about 854 MTs of Bio-pesticides and about 142.73 lakh numbers of Predators were produced in the 24 State owned Bio Control Laboratories and distributed to the farmers.

- ❖ An amount of Rs. 5 crore has been allocated as a special fund to overcome the sudden outbreak of Pest and diseases. The scheme is implemented by allocating an amount of Rs. 25 lakh towards the control of 'Pokka Boeng' disease in Sugarcane in Ariyalur District.

Kalaignarin All Village Integrated Agricultural Development Programme

- ❖ Kalaignarin All Village Integrated Agricultural Development Programme is being implemented along with the Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam implemented by Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department.
- ❖ This scheme is implemented in 5,201 village panchayats with an outlay of Rs.420.78 crore.

Scheme achievement for the year 2021-2022

- ❖ 980 fallow land clusters have been formed. 506 / Tube well has been created. EB connection obtained for 370 places, 67 solar pumpset were installed. Micro-irrigation installed in 55 clusters. Action is being taken to create 107 open well by the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department. 270 borewell/tube well are created and EB connection obtained in 79 places for SC/ST farmers. 500 farm pond created. De-silting of minor tanks, ooranies, channel works were completed in 1,147 places by utilizing Agricultural Engineering Department machineries. 1,247 nos. of power tiller distributed to farmers. 10 track type paddy combine harvester and 10 nos. of vehicle carrying track type paddy combine harvester are to be procured by Agricultural Engineering Department.
- ❖ A total of 11.92 lakh coconut seedlings, pulses seeds for 29,790 ha. and 34,516 sprayers, 16,499 tarpaulins and 14,966 farm implements kits were distributed. 2.50 lakh vegetable seeds kit for establishing home garden, inputs for 10,000 ha horticultural crops, 28,650 crates, 2.19 lakh fruit tree seedlings and perennial horticultural tree seedlings kit for 6,393 ha were distributed.

69 mushroom cultivation sheds were established. 40 multipurpose drying yards were created. Sugarcane single bud sugarcane seedlings for 255 ha and sugarcane single bud setts for 495 ha were distributed. So far, 9.86 lakh beneficiaries were benefitted.

Scheme implementation for 2022-2023:

- A total of 792 fallow land clusters have been formed. Geo-physical survey carried out in 612 places. 337 Borewell /Tube well/ Open well are proposed to be created and so far 28 borewell/ tube well were created.
- A total of 13.79 lakh tall coconut seedlings, liquid bio-fertilizer for 1.18 lakh ha. and 2,180 sprayers were distributed.
- Inputs for promoting vegetable cultivation for 8,039 ha, 2.21 lakh fruit seedlings kit, 3.20 lakh vegetable seed kit, horticultural fruit seedlings kit for 7,786 ha were distributed. 88 nos of mushroom cultivation sheds were established.
- A total of 220 farm ponds were created, desilting of small tanks, ooranies, channel works were commenced in 4,200 places and completed in 27 places.
- 20 land leveller (tractor operated), 50 rotavators, 20 strip type cultivator, 7 track type paddy combine harvester, 3 heavy vehicle for carrying dozer machines and 15 geo-physical instruments are to be procured by Agricultural Engineering Department.
- 135 multipurpose drying yard works were commenced and completed in 21 places.
- Sugarcane single bud sugarcane seedlings for 232 ha and sugarcane single bud setts for 177 ha were distributed. So far, 13.68 lakh beneficiaries were benefitted for the year 2022-2023.

Chief Minister's Dryland Development Mission

- A new scheme called 'Chief Minister's Dryland Development Mission' was implemented for the development of Dry lands at an estimated cost of Rs.128.71 crore to benefit about 7.5 lakh acres. Under this scheme, the components like construction of farm ponds based on micro catchment technologies to collect rain water in rainfed areas, construction of field bunds, subsidy for inputs viz., seeds for cultivating millets, pulses, oil seed crops and cotton crops. 100 per cent subsidy for organic inputs, establishment of farm machinery hiring centres, value addition centres and high value tree saplings were implemented to raise the income and livelihood of rainfed farmers.
- Cultivation of millets in 4.25 lakh acres, pulses in 2.30 lakh acres, oil seed crops in 65 thousand acres and cotton in 30 thousand acres were undertaken in this scheme. Construction of 655 farm ponds, field bunds in 3,251 acres of rainfed lands, 167 farm machinery hiring centres and 33 value addition centres were established in addition to distribution of 13.33 lakh high value tree saplings and fruit seedlings by Horticulture Department. A total of 3.08 lakh small/ marginal farmers benefited through this scheme. During the current year 2022-2023, Under this scheme Rs. 63.80 crore has been spent for 2.81 lakh farmers so far.

"Tamil Nadu Mission on Sustainable Green Cover on Farm lands" (TNMSGCF)

- 1.50 crore saplings were distributed at free of cost to 75,389 farmers with a financial allocation of Rs. 22.95 crore under this scheme.

Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernisation Project (TNIAMP)

- Rs. 16.55 crore was sanctioned by the Government for the implementation of crop and non-crop factors Rs. 15.58 crore was allocated for the model village project. Under this scheme, 1,94,157 small and marginal farmers benefited.

- Under this scheme, 43,861 small and marginal farmers have benefited so far in the current year 2022-2023.

Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA)

- 15,280 trainings on recent agricultural technologies, 4,543 exposure visits, 737 farm schools and 20,519 demonstration have been conducted under ATMA at a cost of Rs. 45.47 crore and 8,55,189 farmers have benefited.

Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana

- During 2022 – 2023, so far an extent of about 39.64 lakh acre has been insured and 18.54 lakh farmers have been enrolled.
- About 72% of the Gross cropped area was insured against the target of 50% stipulated.
- An amount of Rs.4,007 crore has been released exclusively to Insurance Companies as state share of premium subsidy.
- The Government of Tamil Nadu has also facilitated the release of Rs.3,392 crore as compensation amount to 19.73 lakh farmers. An amount of Rs. 34.30 crore as compensation amount to 19,282 numbers of crop insured farmers in Mayiladuthurai District under 'Failed Germination' category.

Soil Health Management

- 3.22 lakh soil samples were collected & analyzed and soil health cards were distributed to the farmers.
- 3,985 soil sample collection camps have been conducted.

Making Youth Into Agri-Entrepreneurs

- Agriculture/Horticulture/Agri-Engineering graduates will be given a financial assistance of Rs.one lakh per graduate to selected eligible unemployed youth to start Agri Clinic – Agriculture advisory center or Agri-related business from Grama Panchayats where the Kalaignarin All Village Integrated Agricultural Development Program is in operation.185 unemployed graduates were selected and a financial assistance of Rs.1.85 crore was given to whom who have started Agri Clinic / Agriculture related business.

Formation of Agricultural Zonal Committees

- Seven Zonal Committees have been formed. This committee will provide appropriate advice to protect the farmers from natural calamities by taking into consideration the conditions of water supply, terrain, climate and natural hazards in the district.

Collective Farming

- In this scheme, 5,500 Farmers Interest Groups (FIG) of 20 small and marginal farmers have been formed. 1,100 Farmers Producer

Groups (FPG) each group consisting of 100 farmers have been formed by converging 5 FIGs. The Government of Tamil Nadu has provided Rs.55 crore as corpus fund for Farmers Producer Group to purchase farm machinery required for farming.

Integrated Farming System

- 24,500 Integrated Farming Systems are planned to be set up with a financial allocation of Rs.117.35 crore.

Department of Sugar

- Sugarcane Transitional production incentive of Rs. 33.31 crore has been disbursed directly to the bank accounts of 91,120 farmers.
- Sugarcane Special incentive of Rs. 331.81 crore has been disbursed directly to the bank accounts of 2,11,887 farmers.
- Subsidy of Rs.2 crore was provided under Special scheme for sugarcane production to 2,037 farmers for purchase of high yielding, high sugar content sugarcane seed Materials viz., Breeder seed production, tissue culture seedlings and Bud chip seedlings.
- Micro irrigation in sugarcane has been installed in an area of 8,955 Ha and benefited to 6,592 farmers.
- Subsidy of Rs.4.82 crore was provided under National Agriculture Development Programme (NADP) to 4698 farmers for purchase of high yielding, high sugar content sugarcane seed Materials viz., Breeder seed production, tissue culture seedlings Bud chip seedlings and Single Bud setts.
- Subsidy of Rs.0.86 crore was provided under Kalaignarin All Village Agriculture Development Programme (KAVIADP) to 962 farmers for purchase of high yielding, high sugar content sugarcane seed Materials viz., Bud chip seedlings and Single Bud setts.
- Sugarcane registration area for co-operative, public sector and private sugar mills increased to 55,000 ha (from 95,000 ha to 150000 ha).
- A quantum of 2,55,12,387 Metric Tonnes of sugarcane was crushed in Co-operative Public Sector, Private Sugar Mills.
- The erection work in 12MW Cogeneration Plant of Dharmapuri District Co-operative Sugar Mill has been completed and in operation.
- MRK Co-operative Sugar Mills 15MW Cogen Plant at the Kallakurichi–I & Kallakurichi-2 will be commissioned during May 2023-2024 crushing season.
- The Co-operative and Public Sector Sugar Mills have crushed 64,93,298 MT of cane and at a recovery of 9.08 per cent produced 5,83,099 MT of sugar.

Department of Horticulture and Plantation Crops

Micro Irrigation scheme under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee yojana

- Installation of Micro-irrigation system has been covered in an area of 1,61,149 Ha at an outlay of Rs.1,138.10 crore benefitting 1,59,269 farmers under Micro irrigation programme of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana.

Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture – National Horticulture Mission

- Under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) - National Horticulture Mission (NHM) is being implemented in Tamil Nadu from 2014-2015 with a fund sharing pattern of 60:40 between the Centre and State Government.
- The scheme was implemented with a financial outlay of Rs.205.23 crore (Central share: Rs.123.138 crore & State Share: 82.092 crore), for holistic development of Horticulture crops.

- Seed production plots for horticulture crops have been established at an area of 136 ha under production of planting material component, new area expansion of horticulture crops in an extent of 49,291 Ha has been made at an outlay of Rs.92.14 crore, Rejuvenation of old orchards of Mango and Cashew was carried in 900 ha at an outlay of Rs.1.80 crore.
- 612 water harvesting system for individuals have been created at an outlay of Rs.4.03 lakh.
- In order to promote Protected Cultivation, Poly Green Houses for an extent 3,13,828 sq.mt, Shade Net House for an extent of 1,01,500 sq. mt. and Mulching in an area of 1360 Ha has been established at a financial outlay of Rs. 18.06 crore. To promote Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) assistance has been provided to 11000 Ha at an outlay of Rs. 1.16 crore.
- 1,296 farm machineries have been distributed to the farmers at an outlay of Rs. 3.12 crore.
- To reduce the Post harvest losses, 870 Pack Houses, 2,835 Low-cost onion storage structures have been established with subsidy cost of Rs. 38.05 crore.
- Under Marketing Infrastructure Development component, 2,693 Mobile Vending Carts have been distributed to the beneficiaries at an outlay of Rs. 3.28 crore.

National Agricultural Development Programme (NADP):

- To increase the Production and quality of pandal vegetables, farmers were assisted for erecting Pandal structures. An area of 837.5 Ha was erected with Pandal structure with a financial expenditure of 14.18 crore.
- With an aim to produce and consume toxic free vegetables, an amount of Rs.38.51 crore was spent to promote Organic cultivation in vegetables in an area of 20,000 Ha.
- Consumption of nutritious fruits and vegetables imparts nutritional security to the growing population. Hence to increase the area under Horticultural crops and to

increase the production and productivity, assistance was provided for cultivation of Vegetables, fruits, spices in an area 2,1713.6 Ha with a financial expenditure of Rs.31.58 crore.

❖ To assist farmers in the production of quality banana bunches, Banana bunch sleeves were provided for 1,000 Ha with a financial expenditure of Rs.1.25 crore.

Rainfed Area Development (RAD)

❖ In order to make farming sustainable and generate additional income for the farmers, Integrated farming system (IFS) units comprising of Horticulture based farming, Rearing of cows and goats, of 6,200 were established at an outlay of Rs.28.80 crore benefitting 4,400 farmers.

Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernisation Project (TN-IAMP):

❖ TNIAMP is a Multi-Disciplinary Project funded by World Bank and implemented in the proposed sub basins by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

❖ During the period of two years, crop demonstration units has been established in an area of 13,830 Ha with a financial outlay of Rs.28.17 crore, micro irrigation has been installed in an area of 4,924 ha for Rs. 50.15 crore, bio villages in 2,664 Ha area were promoted for Rs. 0.31 crore, mulching was adapted in an area of 259 Ha for Rs. 0.39 crore, exposure visits were provided for 1,307 farmers at an outlay of Rs. 0.26 crore, and model village activities in 95 villages were implemented for an amount of Rs.94.60 lakh under this project.

State Horticulture Development scheme (SHDS)

❖ To increase the area and production of Horticultural crops and to enhance the farmer's income, this scheme was implemented at an outlay of Rs.70.03 crore with 100% State Government contribution, so far financial achievement of Rs.27.52 crore has been made.

Palmyrah Development Mission (PDM)

❖ To promote the cultivation of Palmyrah - State tree of Tamil Nadu, Palmyrah Development Mission is being implemented at an outlay of Rs. 1.588 crore, with the components such as Distribution of 10 lakh Palmyrah Seeds at 100% subsidy, establishing Value Addition Units for Palmyrah Products at 50% subsidy, distribution of Equipments for Palmyrah Value Addition at 50% subsidy, distribution of Palmyrah Tree climbing Equipments at 75% subsidy. Out of which, so far financial achievement of Rs.0.87 crore has been made.

❖ 86 lakh Palmyrah seeds and one lakh Palmyrah seedlings were distributed at 100% subsidy

National Bamboo Mission (NBM)

❖ To encourage Bamboo cultivation in Tamil Nadu, National Bamboo Mission has been implemented by establishing Bamboo plantation in 541 Ha of Public / community land and 220 Ha of Private lands accounting to a total area of 761 Ha with an outlay of Rs.2.91 crore.

National Mission on Edible Oil – Oil Palm (NMEO-OP)

❖ In Tamil Nadu, to increase the area and production of edible oil crops, the National Mission Edible Oil -Oil Palm Scheme is being implemented by the Department of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, from 2022-2023 with sharing pattern of 60:40 between Union and State Government.

❖ During 2022-2023, 382 Ha area has been brought under Oil Palm cultivation and Rs.0.47 crore expenditure has been made out of Rs. 2.82 crore.

Collective Farming

❖ 500 Farmer Producer Groups were formed and provided with a corpus fund of

Rs.25 crore. By this, 50,000 Small and Marginal farmers have been benefitted.

Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)

- Under PMFBY, during 2021-2022, 2,62,696 Horticultural farmers have enrolled by covering an area of 80,103 Ha in notified Horticulture crops.
- Claim compensation of Rs. 61.39 crore has been settled to 20,569 beneficiaries enrolled under Special season Horticultural crops.

State Horticulture Farms, Parks and Gardens

- 7,247.62 lakh planting materials has been produced and distributed to the farmers through schemes and direct sales.
- 583 MT vegetable seeds were produced and being distributed through various schemes and also as seed kits.
- 186 MT of Bio-Control agents, 69 MT of Bio-fertilizers, 1,812 MT of Vermicompost has been produced in State Horticulture Farms and being distributed to the farmers.

Relief fund for Horticulture crop damage

- During 2021-2022, due to North East Monsoon 2021 Horticulture crops were damaged in an area 19122.87 Ha. in 32 districts comprising 40,033 farmer's field.
- Considering the livelihood of the affected farmers Government of Tamil Nadu had sanctioned enhanced input subsidy from State Disaster Response fund and state fund at Rs. 10,000/Ha for Rainfed crop, Rs. 20,000/Ha for Irrigated crop and Rs. 25,000/Ha for Perennial crop damage.
- Thus, enhanced input subsidy amount of Rs. 40.23 crore was sanctioned under SDRF and State fund to 40,033 farmers towards Horticulture Crop damage due to North East Monsoon 2021.

Agricultural Engineering Department

- Under Sub Mission on Agricultural mechanization scheme, 3,718 agricultural machinery and implements were distributed

to the farmers with the subsidy assistance of Rs.61.54 crore.

❖ 239 Village level Custom Hiring Centres have been established to the Farmer Groups with the subsidy assistance of Rs.19.05 crore.

❖ Subsidy assistance of Rs.4.92 crore has been provided to Agricultural Groups, Entrepreneurs, Women Shelf-Help Groups and Farmers to establish 51 Block level Custom Hiring Centres.

❖ 20 Sugarcane based Custom Hiring Centres have been established with the subsidy assistance of Rs.8.35 crore to provide the sugarcane based agricultural machinery at low hire charge. Also, 10 Sugarcane based CHCs are being established with a subsidy assistance of Rs.4.64 crore.

❖ To extend the shelf-life of the agriculture produce and to value add the produce, 809 value addition machinery were distributed to the Individual Farmers, Farmer Producer Organisations, Self Help Groups, Farmer User Groups, Entrepreneurs with the subsidy assistance of Rs.4.12 crore.

❖ 37 Value Addition Machinery Facilitation Centres were established to the Famer Producer Groups with the subsidy assistance of Rs.1.82 crore.

❖ To popularise the solar energy in agriculture for well irrigation of farmers, 1,857 Solar Powered Pumpsets were installed in the farmer's field with the subsidy assistance of Rs.37.40 crore.

❖ 200 Polycarbonate sheet green house type solar drying units were installed with the subsidy assistance of Rs.3.62 crore.

❖ To protect the agricultural crops from the wild animals in the forest fringe areas, 253 solar fencing were installed in the farmer's field with the subsidy assistance of Rs.2.34 crore.

❖ 42 Agricultural Machinery Shed were constructed with an expenditure of Rs.9.19 crore to safeguard the Agricultural Engineering Department owned Machinery.

❖ 15 Service centre for repair and maintenance of Agricultural Machinery and Solar pumpsets were established with the subsidy assistance of Rs.59.50 lakh.

❖ 24 Trainings were given to 353 Rural Youths in 6 Agricultural Engineering Government Tractor Workshops with the financial support of Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation (TNSDC).

Kalaignarin All Village Integrated Agriculture Development Programme (KAVIADP)

❖ Agricultural Engineering Department created 525 Nos. of water sources (Bore well/ Tube well) in selected fallow land clusters without irrigation facility with the subsidy assistance of

Rs.33.33 crore in 3,204 village panchayats selected by Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department under Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam.

- 293 wells (Bore well/ Tube well) have been created at a cost of Rs.6.57 crore with 100 percent subsidy to individual SC/ST farmers.
- 669 farm ponds were created in farmer's field at a cost of Rs.5.77 crore with 100 percent subsidy.
- 1,097 Panchayat Union M.I. Tanks, Ooranies, Ponds and Supply channels were rehabilitated and improved at a cost of Rs.5.03 crore.
- Power Tillers were distributed to 1,122 farmers with the subsidy assistance of Rs.9.22 crore.
- In order to increase the water flow and capacity of the water harvesting structures, the maintenance works in 899 water harvesting structures created in watersheds were carried out by the Agricultural Engineering Department owned machinery with a cost of Rs.1.79 crore.
- Under River Valley project, soil and water Conservation measures were taken out with an expenditure of Rs.3.17 crore in South Pennar and Mettur watersheds in Krishnagiri and Erode districts.
- Under Special Area Development Programme, soil and water conservation works were taken out at a total cost of Rs.31.18 crore in The Nilgiris, Coimbatore, Erode, Tiruppur, Theni, Dindigul, Madurai, Virudhunagar, Tirunelveli, Tenkasi and Kanniyakumari Districts.
- 573 acres of saline affected soils were brought under cultivation with an expenditure of Rs.3.41 crore in Mayiladuthurai and Pudukkottai Districts.
- Under Prime Minister Krishi Sinchayee Yojana sub component Water to Every Field scheme, 165 Ground water irrigation facility wells were created with the subsidy assistance of Rs.8.73 crore to the small and marginal SC farmers.
- 146 farm ponds were constructed with the subsidy assistance of Rs.73.87 lakh under Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernization Programme with World Bank assistance.
- 1587.87 Km 'C' and 'D' channels in Cauvery and Vennar basins of five districts namely Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Nagapattinam, Mayiladuthurai and Cuddalore were desilted at an amount of Rs.4.97 crore.
- In order to facilitate pumping of irrigation water from the wells, 845 Nos. of electric motor pumpsets were installed in farmer's well with the subsidy assistance of Rs.83 lakh.

Department of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business

- 284 Regulated markets were kept functional during COVID 19 Pandemic period. This helped farmers and traders in transaction of 1.15 lakh MTs of Agriculture Produce valued at Rs. 325 crore in Regulated Markets and 77,766 MTs of Agricultural produce stored in 510 godowns. Pledge Loan of Rs.3.73 crore was availed by 225 farmers during Lock Down period.
- Uzhavar Sandhai Farmers and FPOs have supplied 48,388 MT of Fruits and Vegetables through mobile vehicles directly to consumers during Lock down period.
- A Control room with Farmers helpline was setup at state level and in each district to receive the grievance of the farmers and consumers during the lockdown period and their grievances were addressed through the proper redressal system.

Regulated Markets

- 44.33 lakh MT agricultural produces were

traded in 284 Regulated Markets and Rs.210.24 crore was received as Receipt.

- For the first time in Tamil Nadu, in 2022-2023 accreditation from Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (WDRA) were obtained for 101 storage godowns and got appreciation from the Union Government.
- In Tiruvarur District, 5 storage godowns with the total capacity of 9500 MT has been constructed at Tiruvarur, Thiruthuraipoondi, Poonthottam, and Mannarkudi at a cost of Rs.14 crore. 6 storage godown with the total capacity of 6500 MT, 50 Drying yard, 2 Continuous flow dryer, 2 re-circulating batch dryer are being established at a cost of Rs.16.50 crore with NABARD loan assistance.
- Government Order has been issued for the construction of 10 Subsidiary Markets with 500 MT storage godown in the nearby places of high arrival Regulated Markets at a total cost of Rs.9.40 crore.
- In 127 e-National Agriculture Markets (e-NAM) 32.0 lakh Nos of Coconut and 62.0 lakh Qtls of other Agricultural produces valued at Rs.1,352 crore have been transacted in e-NAM Markets and e-payment to the tune of Rs.1,256 crore has been made to 4.22 lakh farmers through e-NAM portal.
- 250 MT Godowns at Bargur. Constructions are under progress at Chidambaraviduthi in Pudukottai District, Erumapatti in Namakkal District.
- 28 Drying Yards were constructed in Regulated Markets at a cost of Rs.3.50 crore.
- Millet Processing Centre is being established at The Nilgiris District at a cost of Rs.35 lakh for the benefit of farmers under National Agricultural Development Programme (NADP). In addition, work is underway to set up an Integrated Rural Agricultural Market Complex at Edappally, The Nilgiris District at a cost of Rs.2 crore.

Tamil Nadu is in forefront in e-payment transactions.

- Unified single license issued to 5,243 traders and 165 FPO's.
- Pepper Processing Centre is being established in Kollimalai, Namakkal District at a cost of Rs.50 lakh for the benefit pepper producing farmers.
- In Thanjavur District, under National Agricultural Development Programme, establishment of Coconut Value Addition Centre at a cost of Rs.5.20 crore under progress.
- The Supply Chain Management project is extended in Phase - II to another 9 Districts viz., Salem, Erode, Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram, Chengalpet, Tiruvannamalai, Cuddalore, Villupuram and Karur at an outlay of Rs.102.47 crore under NABARD Rural Infrastructure Development Fund and the works are under progress.

Uzhavar Sandhai

- On an average, 2066 MT of Vegetables and Fruits worth Rs.6.86 crore are being sold by 7,950 farmers to 3.19 lakh consumers per day.
- 50 Uzhavar Sandhai had been renovated at a cost of Rs.12.50 crore.
- In order to decompose the waste generated in Uzhavar Sandhai, Decomposting machines have been set up at a cost of Rs.2.75 crore in 25 Uzhavar Sandhai and compost is being produced.
- 6 new Uzhavar Sandhai are being set up. In addition to this, establishment of 4 new Uzhavar sandhai is in progress.
- Measures have been taken to provide farm fresh vegetables and fruits in the Corporation

area through 30 mobile vehicles at a cost of Rs.60 lakh. So far 545 MT of vegetables and fruits has been sold.

- ❖ Efforts are being made to install Price Display Board at a cost of Rs.2.30 crore in 50 Uzhavar sandhai and 50 Regulatory Markets.

Farmer Producer Organisations

- ❖ 381 FPOs have been formed and promoted by the Department Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business. An amount of Rs.21.32 crore have been released to FPOs for Registration, Start up for Business activities, CEO Salary, Seed Processing Unit Subsidy and Other Expenses.
- ❖ Under Financing FPO scheme, Loan amount of Rs.23.30 crore under Mezzanine Capital Assistance Scheme to 273 FPOs, amount of Rs.5.41 crore as coverage under Credit Guarantee Scheme to 37 FPOs and amount of Rs.12.45 crore under Revolving Fund Support to 140 FPOs have been sanctioned.
- ❖ 50 Speciality Shop outlets are being constructed at a cost of Rs.5 crore in Corporations, for providing a sale platform for FPO's value added products.
- ❖ Prime Minister Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises scheme paves way for setting up, up gradation and formalization of unorganised micro food processing enterprises in Tamil Nadu. Existing and new micro food processing units are provided with credit linked subsidy. 8,298 applications were received and 1,809 loans were sanctioned. Tamil Nadu ranks second in the implementation of PMFME scheme.

Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)

- ❖ For strengthening Agriculture infrastructure facilities of farmers and FPOs, 3% subsidized interest subvention on loans are provided. So far 2,381 loans sanctioned, Rs. 586 crore has been disbursed to beneficiaries.

Price Support Scheme

- ❖ To protect the farmers from price fall during peak harvest season, Copra and Pulses are being procured from farmers directly at Minimum Support Price.
- ❖ Payment for the procured quantity is directly credited to the farmer's bank account.
- ❖ 39,543 MT of Copra worth Rs 419 crore procured from 33,573 farmers and 4,283 MT of pulses worth Rs. 31 crore procured from 4,640 farmers.

- Highest procurement of Copra is recorded in the year 2022

Food Parks/ Agro Processing Clusters

- Establishement of Mega Food Park Project to an extent of 50 acres at SIPCOT Industrial Estate, Gangaikondan in Tirunelveli District at a cost of Rs.77.02 crore is under progress.
- Small Food Parks / Agro Processing Clusters are also being established in an extent of around 10 acres each with a financial outlay of Rs.191.88 crore in Seven locations viz., Cuddalore, Theni, Dindigul, Krishnagiri, Tiruvannamalai, Salem and Madurai availing financial assistance from Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), Government of India.

Agro Export promotion

- Establishment of Agro Export Facilitation Centre in the Agro Green park premises, Guindy, Chennai with necessary infrastructures at a cost of Rs.One crore is under progress.
- An amount of Rs.2 lakh will be given as cash prize as an award to farmers who excel in agricultural exports.
- **Geographical Indication for Unique Agri Produce:** Applications have been filed for 10 produces to get GI. viz Cholavandhan Betel vine, Panruti Jack and Cashew, Sathur samba chillies, Thuyamalli rice, Puliyangudi lemon, Salem kannadi brinjal, Chettikulam small onion, Ramnad chithiraikaar rice and Gavundhapadi brown sugar.
- Major Moringa growing districts viz., Theni, Dindigul, Karur, Thoothukudi, Ariyalur, Tiruppur and Madurai have been declared as "Moringa Export Zone".
- Moringa Special Export Facilitation Centre in Madurai has been established.
- 68 training programmes were conducted at a cost of Rs.23.30 lakh benefitting 1,813 technical staff and farmers in Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board Training Centre, Salem.

e- Initatives

- ❖ Various initiatives have been taken in 2022-2023 for the digitalization of activities of Department of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business.
- ❖ Issuing Online license for the traders in the Regulated Markets.
- ❖ Online booking for storage godowns and cold storage units.
- ❖ e-Market platform for the sale of FPOs products.
- ❖ MIS Platform for monitoring of functioning of FPOs.

TAMIL NADU AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY

New Colleges

- ❖ Three New Government Agricultural Colleges and One Horticultural College were established in the Districts of Karur, Nagapattinam, Sivagangai and Krishnagiri respectively with the budget outlay of Rs.40 crore.
- ❖ Introduction of Tamil as a Medium of Instruction in Under Graduate Agricultural and Horticultural Education Programs with the estimated cost of Rs. 25 lakh

New Centers

- ❖ With the budget estimate of Rs. 2 crore, a new Turmeric Research Center was established at Agricultural Research Centre, Bhavanisagar of Erode District.
- ❖ Nammazhvar Organic Farming Research Center established to augment organic farming research with the estimated cost of Rs. 3 crore.
- ❖ Dryland Agriculture Research Station, Chettinad was strengthened with the estimated cost of Rs. 50 lakh in order to bestow focused research on Dryland Crops.

New Initiatives

- ❖ To improve the livelihoods of marginal farmers, innovative research and value addition program on Palmyrah was initiated in Killikulam with the estimated cost of Rs. 50 lakh.
- ❖ Establishment of University Training Centers for the benefit of farmers at 24 districts of Tamil Nadu under Tamil Nadu Agricultural University with Rs. 50 lakh budget.
- ❖ To popularize TNAU released New Varieties among the farmers, Rs. 5.57 crore has been sanctioned as a Special Drive.
- ❖ An estimate of Rs.72 lakh has been sanctioned to digitalize information on crops, soil and water through remote sensing technology in Agriculture.
- ❖ To promote Entrepreneurship in Agri-Business an estimate of Rs. 130 lakh has been sanctioned.
- ❖ To enhance the quality seed production of newly released varieties an estimate of Rs. One crore has been sanctioned.
- ❖ An estimated cost of Rs. 2 crore has been sanctioned to scale up nanotechnologies attributed towards increase in fruit production and reduce the damage.
- ❖ A two year Diploma course in Agricultural Engineering has been started at Agricultural Engineering College and Research Institute, Kumulur, Trichy District with the budget outlay of Rs. One crore towards human resource development in farm mechanization.
- ❖ To promote Digital Farming, an amount of Rs. 2 crore have been sanctioned to improve productivity.
- ❖ For revamping agri-portal and social media an estimate of Rs. 40 lakh have been sanctioned.
- ❖ For the establishment of One Stop Shop at KVKs an estimated cost of Rs. 25 lakh have been sanctioned.

- For Strengthening and Maintenance of Insect Museum at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University an additional cost of Rs.125 crore have been sanctioned.
- An estimated cost of Rs. 5 lakh have been sanctioned to popularize crop diversification and improved agronomic practices in the salt affected districts of Tamil Nadu under Protected Agricultural Development Zone.
- To popularize effective drop rotation models in Cauvery Delta Zone towards addressing increased productivity and efficient water utilization, Rs. 5 lakh have been sanctioned.
- Tamil Nadu Agricultural University has released 17 New Crop Varieties, 3 Management Technologies and 5 Farm Implements for the benefit of farming communities.

Ranking

- Education World India Magazine placed Tamil Nadu Agricultural University at First position among the South Indian Agricultural Universities and at Third position among the Indian State Agricultural Universities.
- Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore positioned at 8th among the 67 Agricultural Institutes, 4th among the State Agricultural Universities and 2nd among the Southern Agricultural Universities by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) ranking system.
- National Ranking of Agribusiness Management School declared the Department of Agricultural and Rural Management of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University as one of the top 15 Agribusiness Management schools in connection with Agri Business Management program offered.
- TNAU is the only Agricultural University from India enlisted in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World Ranking System and placed between 301 and 350 in the overall ranking band among the Asian Universities and secured 65th rank among the Southern Asian Universities.

Awards

- TNAU bagged the “Appreciation award” for successful completion of Government of India-Mission for Integrated Development

of Horticulture (GOI-MIDH) scheme on “Seed & Planting Material Production and Distribution and Transfer of Technology in Spices” among the 45 centres across India.

- Tamil Nadu Agricultural University awarded with Three National Awards namely viz., 1. Green and Clean Campus Award 2. PG Fellowship award for Horticulture and Forestry and 3. Second Prize for PG fellowship in Agricultural Engineering by the Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi.
- For the year 2021, Indian Council of Agricultural Research conferred ‘Sardar Patel Outstanding ICAR Institution (Agricultural University Category)’ to Tamil Nadu Agricultural University to attest its outstanding performance in teaching, research and extension activities.
- Tamil Nadu Agricultural University was conferred with Institution of Excellence Award by All India Agricultural Students Association towards educating more than 6,000 students every year in agriculture and allied disciplines, developing 850 varieties and 1,500 technologies that facilitated augmented food grain production in the state.
- Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) with Ministry of Education as well as Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India conferred ‘University of the Year (more than 30 years) 2021’ during 17th FICCI Higher Education Summit 2022.

Department of Seed Certification and Organic Certification

- An area of 1,33,054 Hectares have been registered for Certified seed production and 2,49,279 M.T of various crop seeds have been certified under Certification programme.
- A total number of 1,46,705 inspections were conducted in seed selling points and 1,07,621 seeds samples were drawn for quality check. During the inspections, stop sale order was issued for 4,706 Metric tonnes for substandard and other violations noticed.
- In 30 Notified Seed Testing Laboratories functioning in the state, seed standards were tested for 2,16,042 seed samples and results declared so as to ensure supply of quality seeds to the farmers.
- The training wing of this department impart training to seed producers, dealers and farmers on latest trends in seed production, seed certification and seed legislations. A total number of 48,036 persons were trained by this department.
- The organic certification wing of this Directorate has the unique feature of having the largest number of 46,127 individual farmers among the 32 organic certification bodies in the country.
- An area of 86,284 acres has been registered under 32 organic certification with 2,825 individual farmers with 4,901 acres and 683 groups consisting of 43,302 farmers.
- Under NADP Programme, an amount of Rs.40 lakh has been sanctioned for Strengthening of IT infrastructure for field level functionaries implementation of e-Governance and Strengthening of Seed quality control wing through provision of seed sample storage facilities and the scheme is being implemented.

Tamil Nadu Watershed development Agency

- Under National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change, out of Rs.23.80 crore, 2nd instalment amount of Rs.7.51 crore was sanctioned for Salem and Virudhunagar Districts.

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The Hon'ble Chief Minister inspects mechanical farming operations at Nalladai Village in Mayiladuthurai District on 31.05.2022.

Inspects the special medical camp for children to see the growth of the children under the 'Ensure the Nutritional level of Children Scheme' on 21.05.2022.

Revenue, District Revenue Establishment, Deputy Collectors, Disaster Management

Hon'ble Minister for Revenue and Disaster Management

Thiru. K.K.S.S.R. Ramachandran

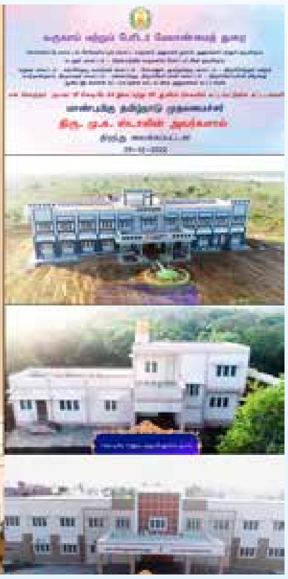
Revenue Administration

Social Security Pension Schemes

- The Pensions have been sanctioned to 5,80,933 eligible new beneficiaries under Social Security Pension Schemes.
- The Government has increased the pension amount from Rs.1,000 to Rs.1,500 to the differently-abled beneficiaries including blind persons.
- Pensions under the Social Security Schemes have been enhanced to Rs.4,807.56 crore.

Covid-19 Relief

- Rs.25 lakh has been paid to each of the 77 frontline workers of the Revenue Department who had died due to Covid-19.



Filling of Village Assistant Vacancies

- 1,988 vacant post of Village Assistant have been filled till date.

Tamil Nadu State Disaster Management Centre

- The Common Alert Protocol (CAP) was used to send warning text messages to mobile phone subscribers through Cell Broadcasting (to BSNL subscribers) and DTH services (TATA Sky - TATA play) in the probable area of disaster risk.
- During the North-east monsoon in the year 2022, relief assistance of Rs.11.05 crore has been given to 12,093 farmers for the damaged crops at an area of 8,226.81 hectares.
- During the South-west monsoon in the year 2022, relief assistance of Rs. 51.41 crore has been given to 49,681 farmers for the damaged crops at an area of 38,155.44 hectares.
- From the State Disaster Response Fund, Rs.4.67 crore has been allocated as relief assistance for the fishermen in those districts affected by Mandous cyclone such as Chengalpet, Chennai, Ramanathapuram and Mayiladuthurai.
- Construction of Disaster Response Centre at Nambiyar Nagar, Nagapattinam District for accommodating the people during disaster at a cost of Rs.6.35 crore.
- Rs.2.31 crore has been allocated to strengthen the functionality of TNDRF.
- Rs.10.51 crore has been sanctioned to TNFRS for procurement of equipment and for imparting training.
- Rs.74.98 lakh has been sanctioned to Commissioner of Police, Chennai towards procurement of essential equipments for use during disasters and Rs.4.70 crore has been allocated to TNFRS towards procurement of equipments.
- Rs.1.27 crore has been sanctioned to TANGEDCO towards restoration of damages caused to the electrical infrastructure during Mandous cyclone.

- Relief assistance of Rs.112.72 crore has been allocated for 1,33,907 farmers affected at an area of 93,873 hectares due to unseasonal rains.
- The State Disaster Management Policy has been released.
- The Tamil Nadu State Disaster Management Plan 2023 has been released.
- The Government have approved a "Real Time Flood Forecasting & Special Decision Support System" (RTFF & SDSS) for the Chennai River basins namely Adyar, Cooum, Kosasthalaiyar and Kovalam.
- In order to strengthen the DEOC's, High Speed Multi-function printers have been provided at a cost of Rs.1.50 crore.
- Rs.373.50 crore has been sanctioned from SDMF for various mitigation measures in Chennai and surrounding Municipalities.
- Establishment of the Tamil Nadu State Database for Emergency Management.
- The Storm Surge Model has been developed by Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M) is also merged with TNSDEM, helping to issue early warnings for flood and to organize resource mobilization.

Land Administration

- The Land Acquisition Agency of Tamil Nadu (LAATAN) has been established as an organization for the consolidation as well as expedition of Land Acquisition tasks throughout the State, comprising 40 posts.

Village Administrative Officers One Way/ Mutual Transfer

- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu launched a new website http://cra.tn.gov.in/vaotransfer/for one way mutual transfer and general counseling in the cadre of VAO on 13.10.2021. Accordingly, 261 Village Administrative Officers have been ordered for one-way district transfer and 134 Village Administrative Officers have been ordered for Mutual transfer through online.

Revenue Buildings

- Construction of the New Collector office building in Master Plan Complex for newly established Mayiladuthurai District at a cost of Rs.114.48 crore.
- Purchase of land to an extent of 8.57.0 Hectare in Mannampanthal Village, Mayiladuthurai District for the New Collector office building in Master Plan Complex at a cost of Rs.10.32 crore.
- Construction of New Collector office building in Master Plan Complex at Virudhunagar District at a cost of Rs.70.57 crore.
- Construction of Sirkali Revenue Divisional office and Quarters Buildings Divisional in Mayiladuthurai District and Vedharanyam Division in Nagapattinam District at a cost of Rs.7.39 crore.
- Construction of Additional Building (Ground +5 Floors) in Dharmapuri District Collectorate campus at a cost of Rs.36.62 crore.
- Construction of GDP Hall and additional office complex in District Collectorate campus in Tiruvannamalai District at a cost of Rs.12.17 crore.
- Construction of 5 Taluk office and 8 Tahsildar Quarters Building at a cost of Rs.25.03 crore.

Tamil Nadu State Disaster Management Agency

- The Common Alert Protocol (CAP) used to send warning text messages to the 1,70,71,336 mobile phone subscribers.

- Action has been taken on all the 7,539 complaints received through the toll-free number 1070 of the State Emergency Operation Center and the complaints have been resolved.
- Action has been taken on 10,327 complaints received on toll free number 1077 of the District Emergency Operation Center and the complaints have been resolved.
- In order to create community based first responders, two volunteers per coastal habitation were identified in all 14 coastal districts and imparted with technical training to handle the disasters, thereby 65,000 first responders were trained in the State to effectively handle the disasters at a cost of Rs. 20.42 crore.
- In the 14 coastal districts, 38 Revenue Department offices were supplied with 66 generators of 2 KW capacity at a cost of Rs.41 lakh and put to use to ensure seamless functioning of these offices during the disasters.
- To strengthen the weather monitoring system in the State, 1,400 Automatic Rain Gauges (ARG) and 100 Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) are to be installed.
- During Northeast Monsoon, on 09.11.2022, heavy and very heavy rains occurred in various districts due to the formation of a low pressure area over Southwest Bay of Bengal and adjoining Central Indian Ocean. More than 57,000 people of 20,305 families were sheltered in Relief Camps and provided with Food, safe drinking water, Medical facilities and other basic amenities.
- Due to heavy rains, relief assistance of Rs.12.73 crore provided to 15,091 families for loss of human life, death of livestock and damage to houses.
- Relief assistance of Rs.1,000 each for 1,61,647 families whose livelihoods have been severely affected in Sirkali and Tarangambadi taluks of Mayiladuthurai District at a total amount of Rs.16.16 crore has been disbursed.
- During Southwest Monsoon, input subsidy relief assistance was sanctioned to 58,976 farmers, for an extent of 4803.24 Hectares of crops, to the tune of Rs.6.42 crore.

- On December 9, 2022, Mandous cyclone landed near the coast of Mamallapuram. To minimize the impact of the cyclone, 10,843 persons belonging to 3,771 families were evacuated in advance and accommodated in 216 relief camps.

- The normal life was restored immediately after the cyclone Mandous cyclone hit the coast. As instructed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, measures were taken on war footing to restore normalcy which was widely appreciated by the press and media.

Land Administration

Free House Site Assignment

- 50,601 free house site pattas for houseless and poor eligible persons, 1,49,092 free house site pattas for those residing in the Adidravidar/Backward classes welfare, 26,297 free house site pattas for the public residing in Poramboke lands and 1,20,072 free house site pattas based on Town Settlement Scheme,which totals to 3,46,062 pattas, and these were issued to the eligible persons through online as e-patta.

Online Patta Transfer

- 19,60,211 online pattas involving sub division (ISD) and 24,30,486 online pattas not involving sub division (NISD) have been issued.

Land Transfer

- Government orders have been issued for transferring 1129.34 acres of Government lands in 87 cases to various State Government Departments.

Land Alienation

- Government lands to an extent of 2,300 acres in 208 cases have been alienated to Local bodies, State Government agencies / Boards / Universities / Societies / IT -parks / Corporations, Central Government Institutions, and to private companies on the collection of single Market value for non-commercial purposes and on the collection of Double Market value for commercial purpose.

Eviction of Encroachment

- Eviction processes were carried out for 9102.33 Hectares of Water Course Porambokes, 3,942.51 Hectares of Meikkal, Roads and Temple, 13,044.85.00 Hectares of Forests, thereby a total area of land evicted was 13,044.85 hectare.

Land Lease

- Out of a total of 951 lease cases, 380 lease cases were falling within the limits of Greater Chennai Corporation. The lease contract of 261 of these 380 cases were repealed as encroachments on grounds of non-renewal. Of the 571 Lease cases, an amount of Rs.25.67 crore towards current lease rent and an amount of Rs.36.19 crore towards arrear lease rent, which totals to Rs.61.86 crore has been collected.

- In order to simplify and streamline the procedure for grant of lease of Government lands, the Government have constituted a committee under the Chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary to Government in Revenue Department. A uniform Policy / Guidelines is being prepared towards finality and subsequent implementation shortly.

- Patta has been issued for 13,403 out of the total number of 1,90,225 beneficiaries identified in all districts.

- The Government of Tamil Nadu has set up the Government Lands Retrieval and Protection Fund with an allocation of

Rs.50 crore, which will be used to meet the expenditure on account of eviction from and fencing of public land.

Computerization of Land Administration Project (Clap)

- ❖ "Computerization of Land Administration Project" had been developed and is being implemented.

Land Reforms

- ❖ Under the Chief Minister's Farmers Security Scheme, 1,47,44,017 persons have been enumerated as members, 1,35,88,380 persons have been enumerated as dependent members and a totally of 2,83,32,397 persons have been enumerated. Rs.334.07 crore has been given to 2,83,184 beneficiaries. Rs. 374.44 crore allotted to all District Collectors.
- ❖ The disputes between cultivating tenants and landowners are being settled by 10 Revenue Courts in the State. 7,259 cases were received. Out of these, 4,859 cases were disposed and 2,400 cases are pending.
- ❖ 2,965 cases were pending as of 30.04.2021. 5,794 cases were received from 01.05.2021 to 31.03.2023, and in total 8,759 cases were there. Out of these, 6,213 cases were disposed from 01.05.2021 to 31.03.2023 and on 20.03.2023, 2,546 cases were pending in the 10 revenue courts in the districts.
- ❖ 21.54 acres of Bhoodan lands were given to 314 beneficiaries and 156.33 acres of Bhoodan lands to 8 Government establishments.
- ❖ Encroachments in 314.19 acres of Bhoodan Board's lands have been removed.

Survey And Settlement

- ❖ Special camps are conducted in all villages to redress Patta related grievances/error corrections, every Tuesday and Friday. 46,387 petitions have been redressed.

Urban Land Records

- ❖ 32.61 lakh TS have been compared out of the total 33.12 lakh TS and 7.08 lakh errors have been identified out of which 6.92 lakh errors have been rectified.

Online Patta Transfer System

- ❖ 19.80 lakh Patta transfers have been done.

❖ In the year 2021, 12,36,555 petitions regarding Patta transfers have been redressed and in the year 2022, with an increase of 53%, 18,90,983 additional petitions have been redressed.

Automatic Mutation

❖ For land transactions that do not involve the creation of subdivisions in land parcels, 2,88,054 Pattas have been automatically transferred.

Licensed Surveyors

❖ 'Licensed Surveyor' has been introduced and under this scheme, those who have completed three years Diploma course in Civil Engineering are imparted with survey training at the Survey Training Institute, Orathanadu for 3 months and are being provided with a'Certificate of License' in Land Surveying. Out of these 863 Licensed Surveyors, 350 have been engaged in Online Patta transfer work and 210 have been have been allotted to various Government Departments.

Resurvey

❖ Resurvey is being conducted in Krishnagiri, the Nilgiris and Kanniyakumari to an extent of 708.93 sq.km., using Modern Survey equipment viz., Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS) and Electronic Total Station (ETS).

Urban Land Ceiling And Urban Land Tax

❖ Under Tamil Nadu Urban Land Tax Act, Urban Land Tax at a cost of Rs.16.25 crore collected.

❖ Under 'Innocent Purchasers Scheme' concurrence for regularization was issued by the Government for 5,321 cases and concurrence for regularization was issued for an extent of 12.11 lakh sq.m. of lands.

❖ Land value amount of Rs.41.97 crore has been remitted into Government Account by Innocent Buyers.

❖ Procurement of 15 Desktop Computer Systems at a cost of Rs. 8.70 lakh.

Works In Progress

❖ Facility for filing application for survey

of lands (i.e., for pointing out survey boundaries) through online mode has been developed and it will be launched shortly.

- Web-based software for online processing and maintenance of Natham land records is under development.
- Geo-referencing of digitized village maps is pursued along with Agriculture Department forbeing shared with needy departments for planning purposes.
- Scanning and preservation of old legacy land records for future reference is under progress at the State Archives and at the Commissionerate of Survey and Settlement. During the period 24.05.2022 to 20.03.2023, 5,16,105 sheets have been scanned and preserved.

Modern Survey/Resurvey

- Resurvey using Modern Survey equipment viz., Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS) and Electronic Total Station (ETS), is in progress at Krishnagiri, the Nilgiris and Kanniyakumari Districts. Out of the total area of 8,185 sq.km, so far 1219.43 sq.km area has been surveyed. During the period 07.05.2021 to 20.03.2023, 708.93 sq.km has been surveyed.
- Survey of water bodies in the State using DGPs is under progress in all districts. So far, during the period 07.05.2021 to 20.03.2023, 7,119 water bodies have been surveyed and the maps of 1,747 water bodies have been published online at the portal https://tngis.tn.gov.in/waterbodies/ for being downloaded by the Government departments and by the public.
- Town Survey using DGPs and ETS is under progress in Vellore Town. Out of the total area of 87.90 sq.km, so far 70.3 sq.km area has been surveyed. During the period from 07.05.2021 to 20.03.2023, 23.21 sq.km has been surveyed.

Administrative Reforms

Online Grievance Redressal System

- The procedure of receiving and processing of grievance petitions from the public through the Government portal https://gdp.tn.gov.inhas been adopted in this Department and 1,746 petitions have been processed and disposed of.

Training

- From 07.05.2021 to 20.03.2023, survey training has been provided to 913 Revenue officials at 26 Special Centres by the Assistant Directors of Survey and Land Records concerned.
- Apart from the above, Survey training has been imparted to those who have completed three years Diploma course in Civil Engineering for 3 months and 'License for Land Surveying' has been issued to 863 persons so far at both the above institutions. 350 of those Licensed Surveyors have been engaged in Online Patta transfer work on contract basis and 210 of them have been allotted to various other Government Departments for being engaged in various survey works.

Special Initiatives For Error-Corrections In Land Records

- Special camps were conducted in all villages every Tuesday and Friday to redress land owners' grievances related to rectification errors in land records. In the special camps, 46,387 applications were received and grievances wereredressed.
- So far as urban areas are concerned, Special Drives were conducted to compare physical land records with computerized land records to identify and remove errors. Accordingly, 32.61 Lakh TS Nos. have been compared out of the total 33.12 lakh TS numbers and 7.08 lakh errors have been identified out of which 6.92 lakh errors have been rectified.

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Industries, Tamil Official Language and Tamil Culture, Archaeology

Hon'ble Minister for Industries

Thiru. Thangam Thenarasu

Industries

- 222 MoUs have been signed with a cumulative investment commitment of Rs.2,72,322 crore and employment opportunities to 4,09,651 persons, through the 5 investors meets held at Chennai, Coimbatore, Thoothukudi and UAE.
- Guidance has been awarded the 'Best Investment Promotion Agency' Award in Asia Oceania Region for Guidance at the Annual Investment Meeting (AIM) 2022.
- For creation of a Land Bank of 45,000 acres over a period of five years, SIPCOT has identified about 33,489 acres of land, of which 22,941 acres are now under acquisition after issuance of Administrative sanction by Government.

- Tamil Nadu Ethanol Blending Policy 2023, Tamil Nadu M-sand Policy, Tamil Nadu Logistics Policy & Integrated Logistics Plan 2023, Tamil Nadu City Gas Distribution Policy 2023 and an incentive scheme for Textile / Garments investments were released Single Window Portal 2.0 and the Mobile App for the Single Window Portal 2.0 were launched.
- Specialized and exclusive Cells for Fintech, Export Promotion and Work Labs have been formed in Guidance.
- To encourage manufacturers to invest in oxygen manufacturing, 30% capital subsidy has been given to investors commencing commercial production of oxygen concentrators, oxygen cylinders, medical oxygen and large liquid oxygen plants.
- State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited (SIPCOT) has allotted 3,008.49 acres of land to 412 industries and attracted an investment of Rs.42,494.84 crore, thereby providing direct and indirect employment opportunity for about 1,32,037 persons. 5,960 acres of land have been acquired and handed over to SIPCOT.
- SIPCOT is establishing food parks at Manapparai, Theni and Tindivanam, E-Vehicle Park at Manallur, Medical Devices Park at Oragadam, Working women's Hostels at Thoothukudi, Perundurai, Siruseri and Bargur, Leather Park at Panappakkam, Future Mobility Park at Shoolagiri, Textile Park at Karur, Ready Built Factory at Nemili and Plug & Play warehousing Facilities at Vallam-Vadagal, Oragadam and Perundurai.
- Industrial Eco-System Fund has been created at an estimated cost of Rs.500 crore. This will enable the creation of infrastructure facilities for industrial parks and businesses innovation centres, research and development activities and general facilities.
- Tamil Nadu attracted US $ 3,003 million (Rs.22,396 crore) and was the 4th highest recipient of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) among States. In the last two years alone, Tamil Nadu attracted US $ 4,567 million (Rs.34,668 crore) in FDI.
- The Hon'ble Minister for Industries, Investment Promotion and Trade participated in the World Economic Forum Annual Meetings of 2022 and 2023 held in Davos, Switzerland. This opportunity provided a global platform for meeting with global CXOs and discuss the potential future collaborations.
- 'State of States 2022' study of India Today has rated Tamil Nadu as the overall best performing State. Tamil Nadu was also ranked 1st in inclusive development.
- CareEdge, a knowledge based analytical group company of CARE Ratings, has ranked Tamil Nadu as the 3rd best performing State (amongst large states) on its composite score in the State Ranking 2023. The State is ranked 2nd on the Social category and 3rd on the Financial Inclusion pillar.
- SIPCOT also acts as a Nodal Agency of Government of Tamil Nadu in the sanction/ disbursement of Structured Package of Assistance to large industrial units. Under this scheme, SIPCOT has released Rs.1,956 crore to 33 beneficiary units.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister laid foundation stone for the International Furniture Park on 07.03.2022. 8 MoUs were exchanged with a total investment of more than Rs.2,800 crore.
- Industrial Innovation Centres at Sriperumbudur and Hosur are established at a project cost of Rs.33.46 crore.

- SIPCOT is establishing Medical Devices Park at Oragadam. First allotment order was issued and the MoU was signed between SIPCOT and Anna University as a Technical partner in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.
- SIPCOT is establishing Industrial Park in Eraiyur. All infrastructures have been created. The Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated Industrial Park and laid the foundation stone for the Phoenix Kothari Footwear Park at Eraiyur. MoU signed between TN Guidance and Phoenix Kothari Footwear Park and its 10 affiliated companies.
- SIPCOT is establishing three Food Parks at Manapparai, Theni & Tindivanam over an area of 150 acres each. The Hon'ble Chief Minister had inaugurated the Manapparai Industrial Park and issued allotment order to one company at Manapparai Food Park and 3 companies at General Engineering Park.
- SIPCOT is establishing 60 MLD desalination plant to meet out the water requirement for the industries in and around Thoothukudi Industrial Park and SIPCOT also establishing 20 MLD TTRO plant at Hosur Industrial Park. Work order has been issued.
- SIPCOT is constructing working women's Hostels at Perundurai (with a capacity to accommodate 222 persons) and Thoothukudi (with a capacity to accommodate 252 persons) at an estimated amount of Rs.6.43 crore and Rs.5.88 crore respectively. Work orders issued for construction.
- SIPCOT proposed to construct working women's Hostels at Siruseri (with a capacity to accommodate 800 persons) and Shoolagiri (with a capacity to accommodate 600 persons) and preparing estimates is under progress.
- SIPCOT is constructing integrated working hostel at Vallam Vadagal at the project cost of Rs.670 crore for boarding of 18,720 workers working in Foxconn and other companies in SIPCOT Industrial Parks.

- SIPCOT is establishing Leather Park at Panappakkam in Ranipet District. Land acquisition is under progress.
- SIPCOT is establishing Future Mobility Park over an extent of 300 acres at a cost of Rs.300 crore at Shoolagiri, Krishnagiri District.
- SIPCOT is establishing Electronic Manufacturing Cluster at Pillaipakkam (379.3 acres) and Manallur (469.09 acres) at an estimated project cost of Rs.536.58 crore and Rs.663.59 crore respectively.
- Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Limited (TIDCO) is establishing Multimodal Logistics Park at Mappedu Village, Tiruvallur District. MoU was signed in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister between National Highways Logistics Management Limited., Chennai Port Authority and Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Limited at an Investment of Rs.1,424 crore and the foundation stone was laid by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 25.05.2022.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister laid the foundation stone for this 'Standard Chartered Global Business Services' in DLF Downtown Phase-II. This Downtown project will generate employment opportunities for 70,000 + IT professionals.
- Defence Public Sector Undertakings and Private Industries have committed the investments of upto Rs.14,918 crore in Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor. Rs.3,861 crore have been invested in this corridor. The corridor will generate direct employment opportunities to 10,000 persons and indirect employment opportunities to 25,000 persons in five years.
- Government of Tamil Nadu has released the revised Aerospace and Defence Industrial Policy 2022 to attract investments to the tune of Rs.75,000 crore and creating direct & indirect employment prospects for nearly 1 lakh persons in Aerospace & Defence sector over a period of 10 years. The main focus of this policy is to make Tamil Nadu, an emerging Aerospace and Defence Start-up hub.
- Government of Tamil Nadu has established three Center of Excellence (CoE) i.e., Tamil Nadu Center of Excellence for Advanced Manufacturing (TANCAM), Tamil Nadu Smart and Advanced Manufacturing Centre (TANSAM) and Tamil Nadu Advance Manufacturing Centre of Excellence (TAMCOE) in collaboration with industry majors Dassault Systems, Siemens and GE Aviation respectively. All the three CoEs were inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. These CoEs provide the access of state of the art world class facilities in advanced manufacturing technologies such as Additive Manufacturing, Industry 4.0, 3D Design & Printing, Virtual & Augmented Reality and Robotics etc., to the MSMEs which will help them to adapt to the advanced manufacturing technologies.
- TIDCO has signed an MoU with GTN Engineering (India) Limited in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for setting up Common Facility Centre (CFC) for Post Processing of aerospace components at Coimbatore.
- In an effort to expand IT/ITES infrastructure across Tamil Nadu, TIDEL Park is establishing mini-IT parks of 50,000 - One lakh sq. ft in Tier-2 and Tier-3 towns of Tamil Nadu in a phased manner.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister has laid the foundation stone for TIDEL Mini IT Parks in Viluppuram and Tiruppur Districts

on 24.06.2022 and TIDEL Mini IT Park in Vellore District and the construction work is under progress. Also works are in progress to establish TIDEL Mini IT parks in Vellore, Thanjavur, Thoothukudi, Salem and Ooty. These projects will fuel the engine of growth of information technology and accelerate the socio-economic development in these towns.

❖ Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation Limited (TIIC) has sanctioned 174 loans of Rs.185.69 crore with 3% interest subvention and 888 loans of Rs.636.48 crore with 6% interest subvention, which results in lesser interest rate than the prevailing market interest rate which enables the MSME entrepreneurs in the State, to face the competitive environment in globalised economy.

❖ TIIC is implementing New Entrepreneurs cum Enterprise Development Scheme (NEEDS) of the State Government for assisting educated youth to become first generation entrepreneurs. 240 beneficiaries were sanctioned loans worth Rs.196.52 crore under this scheme since May 2021.

❖ Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited (TNPL) establishing Mill Expansion Plan Unit-II for Pulpwood production. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated Unit 2 Mill Expansion Plan on 29.12.2022. The Hardwood plant and Recovery plant have been commissioned and Hardwood pulp production commenced.

❖ Tamil Nadu Cements Corporation Limited (TANCEM) installed a new state-of-the art 10 lakh MT per annum cement plant at Ariyalur thereby the production capacity of TANCEM has increased to 17 lakh MT per annum. The operation of the new plant has been stabilized and 19.53 lakh MT of clinker has been produced in the new plant.

❖ The Alangulam Cement Unit has earned a net profit of Rs.36.33 crore which is the highest profit earned in any financial year since inception.

❖ TANCEM introduced a new brand 'Valimai' to sell the cement produced from the new plant at an affordable price which is comparatively lesser than the price of cement being sold by private cement manufacturers. The new brand was launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister and 10,40,328 MT of Valimai cement has been sold.

❖ Tamil Nadu Salt Corporation Limited (TNSC) developed salt works in 500 acres as the 1st phase at a project cost of

Rs.5.90 crore in Thirupporur area in Chengalpattu District for salt production. Salt Production commenced in this unit from June 2022.

- TNSC launched the open market sale of Crystal Iodised Salt and Refined Free Flow Iodised salt in the new brand name 'Neithal Salt'.

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister launched the scheme of providing relief assistance of Rs.5,000 each to Salt workers during the rainy season. Relief assistance of Rs.6.41 crore has been disbursed to 12,842 salt workers families.

Tamil Development

- Hon'ble Chief Minister has enhanced the cash prize from Rs.1 lakh to Rs.2 lakh for the awards given by the Tamil Development Department.

- On 15.03.2022, a cash prize of Rs.2 lakh, a gold medal, a citation and a shawl were given to the awardees of the Thiruvalluvar Award-2022, Perarignar Anna Award-2021, Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Award-2021, Mahakavi Bharathiyar Award-2021, Pavendhar Bharathidasan Award-2021 and Muthamizh Kaavalar Ki.Aa.Pe. Viswanatham Award-2021.

- On 18.07.2022, a cash prize of Rs.2 lakh, a gold medal, a citation and a shawl were given to the Awardees of Tamil Thendral Thiru.Vi.Ka. Award-2021, Kabilar Award-2021, U.Ve.Sa. Award-2021, Amma Literary Award-2021 and Karaikal Ammaiyar Award-2021. A cash prize of Rs.5 lakh, a gold medal, a citation and a shawl were given to the three Awardees of the Ilakkiya Maamani Award 2021.

- On 21.12.2022, a cash prize of Rs. 2 lakh, a citation and a shawl were awarded to the 10 awardees of the Best Translator Award.

- Tamil Semmal Award - 2021, a cash prize of Rs. 25,000, a certificate of Appreciation and a Shawl were given to 38 awardees.

- On 16.01.2023, a cash prize of Rs.2 lakh, a gold medal, a citation and a Shawl were given to the awardees of the Thiruvalluvar Award-2023, Thanthai Periyar Award, Annal Ambedkar Award, Perarignar Anna Award, Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Award, Mahakavi Bharathiyar Award, Pavendar Bharathidasan Award, Thiru.Vi.Ka Award, Ki.Aa.Pe.Viswanatham Award and Devaneyapavanar Award.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has provided the financial assistance of Rs.2.50 crore (to the tune of 3 lakh US dollars) as a grant from the Government of Tamil Nadu for the establishment of a Tamil chair in the University of Houston, USA, on 15.11.2022.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has handed over a cheque of Rs.5 crore to the Vice-Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University on 21.12.2022 for the establishment of a separate Department of 'Tamil Literature' at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

- Floral tributes were paid to the statues of Tamil scholars Robert Caldwell, Tholkappiar, Maraimalai Adigal and Thiru. Vi.Ka., Statue of Thiruvalluvar at Valluvar Kottam, U.Ve.Sa., Avvaiyar and 'Kavi Chakravarthi' Kambar.

- An order has been issued to conduct Tamil-related competitions among the students by establishing Students Tamil Forums in Government Arts and Science Colleges, Engineering Colleges and Medical colleges to develop the interest of the students towards Tamil. Accordingly, an order has been issued sanctioning Rs.5.36 crore for providing Rs.5 lakh each to 100 colleges,

in total Rs.5 crore, along with Rs.36 lakh for conducting competitions for this year alone.

❖ An order has been issued for providing Rs.16 lakh to conduct a workshop at the Centre for Development of Tamil in Engineering and Technology of Anna University and to conduct Engineering and Technology and Science Competition in Tamil language at the regional and state levels. In the first phase, two-day workshops are to be conducted in 5 districts namely Chennai, Tirunelveli, Tiruchirappalli, Madurai and Coimbatore with the amount of Rs.6 lakh provided to the Director, the Centre for Development of Tamil in Engineering and Technology of Anna University, in February.

❖ An order has been issued to provide Rs.16.72 lakh to conduct District level Tamil Handwriting competitions to develop the interest of the school and college students in the Tamil language and to encourage them to write in Tamil.

❖ Government order has been issued to accord Rs.20 lakh to provide Tamil books for Libraries to facilitate Tamil Diaspora to know about the history of their language.

❖ Government order has been issued allocating Rs.41.55 lakh for the year 2022-2023 and administrative sanction for publishing selected books of Annal Ambedkar as critical editions by the International Institute of Tamil Studies within three years.

❖ Government order has been issued allocating Rs.5 crore for publishing the Anthology of Periyar's thoughts in a printed version as well as e-Books in 21 Indian and World languages by Tamil Nadu Text Book and Educational Services Corporation and a financial sanction of Rs.29.05 lakh has been accorded for the year 2022-2023.

❖ Rs.5 lakh has been provided for the 21st Tamil Internet Conference that was conducted on the campus of Tamil University, Thanjavur in collaboration with Uthamam International Forum, Tamil University, Thanjavur and Periyar Maniammai Institute of Science and Technology.

❖ Official language act week was observed in Chennai District. A rally for creating awareness of the Official language act was

conducted in Justice Basheer Ahmed Sayeed for College for Women Road, Teynampet, Chennai, as a part of Official language act week. More than 300 individuals including girl students, Government employees and Tamil scholars participated in the event.

- Training classes on the usage of Tamil Unicode, History of Official language act, Official Language Government Orders, Translation and language training were conducted in Greater Chennai Corporation.
- A debate on Official language was conducted in Presidency College on 27.02.2023. Interaction with the owners of Commercial establishments was held at Royapettah M.S. Mahal on 28.02.2023 in the presence of the Director.
- The Youth Tamil Literary workshop was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister for Industries, Tamil Official Language, Tamil Culture and Archaeology on 15.03.2023 in World Tamil Sangam, Madurai. A financial sanction of Rs.20.30 lakh was accorded for the year. The workshop was completed on 21.03.2023 with various programs including Tamil literary quiz, etc.
- To encourage and honour Tamil writers who have contributed to Tamil literature, 3 Tamil writers are being awarded the 'Ilakkiya Mamani Award' and Rs.5 lakh every year.
- The Government has announced the 'Dream Home' scheme for ten Tamil writers per year who have received the award like Jnanpith Award, Sahitya Akademi Award, Kalaignar M.Karunanidhi Classical Tamil Awards and Nobel Laureate in Tamil Literature Award in their residing or willing Districts.
- Rs.1.25 crore has been given to Cologne University in Germany for the continuous functioning of the Tamil Department.
- Books of 16 Tamil scholars were nationalized and the solatium of Rs.2.30 crore has been provided.
- 'Kural prize' was given to 219 selected students who have recited the Thirukkural. Rs. 25.18 lakh was given to students. Rs. 25 lakh was provided for the development of the Navi Mumbai Tamil Sangam building.
- Rs.25 lakh was given to conduct classical Tamil programmes in the name of "Theera Kadhal Thirukkural" through Tamil Virtual Academy. A drawing competition was held on the topic "Kuraloviyam". Thirukkural Calendar was created from the paintings of students.
- Rs.1 crore has been provided to set up Tamil Propaganda Institute to teach Tamil to Tamils living abroad and in other states through Tamil Virtual Academy.
- Rs.15 lakh has been provided and steps have been taken to draw paintings for publishing Coffee Table Book with the paintings depicting the biographical philosophies and ideas in Sangam literature.
- Rs.10.40 lakh has been provided to the Tamil Virtual Academy to document the rare audio/video speeches of eminent leaders and Tamil scholars on the website for the public.
- Rs.10 lakh has been provided for publishing ancient Tamil literature, Modern literature and Children's literature as Audio Books. Thirukkural classes are to be conducted along with Devaram, Thiruvasagam, and Dhivya Prapantham.
- Elocution competitions are to be conducted on the birthdays of leaders who fought for the country in order to spread their ideas and social thoughts to the younger generation. Speech competitions were conducted on the birthdays of Mahatma Gandhi and

Jawaharlal Nehru with an expenditure of Rs.27.20 lakh.

- Rs.10 lakh has been provided to the Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation to make the Sangam literature books as compiled books and to publish Dravida Kalanjiyam Book. Rs.10 lakh has been provided to the International Institute of Tamil Studies for printing and publishing these books.
- Bharathiyar Centenary Memorial awards with Rs.3 lakh each was distributed to the families of the Senior Research Scholars Late Pe.Thooran, R.A.Padmanabhan, T.M.C.Ragunathan and Ilasai Maniyan and also to Senior Researcher Thiru. Seeni Viswanathan and Professor Y.Manikandan, for carrying out research on the life and creations of Mahakavi Bharathiyar.
- ‘Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.C. Award’ would be given to a Tamilian who had been engaged in activities related to ships along with Rs.5 lakh and a certification.
- Providing Rs.1 lakh with each to 110 border saviours as a special case.
- On the birthdays of Tamil scholars and writers, literary meetings are to be conducted in 12 places every year in three Districts and Rs.3.75 lakh has been allocated for this year.
- The awards presented by the Tamil Development Department have been enhanced to Rs.2 lakh.
- A book entitled “A Comparative Grammar of the Dravidian or South Indian Family of Languages” written by the renowned foreign scholar Dr. Robert Caldwell has been translated into Tamil by Prof.Pa.Ra. Subramanian was the first book in the scheme of Muthamizharignar Translation and was released.
- In commemoration of the centenary Death Anniversary of Bharathiyar, to glorify Bharathi by Compilation of the manuscripts of Bharathi and publishing them in their own format as a classical edition, publishing a pictorial book on the life of Bharathi for the benefit of children, a book on the selected one hundred best poems of Bharathiyar with the paintings of famous artists and

also translating and publishing the works of Bharathiyar and major Research books on Bharathiyar into English.

- A 16-day online International Seminar was conducted on the subject of "Panmuga Aalumaiyalar Kalaignar" by the International Institute of Tamil Studies.
- The founder of the International Institute of Tamil Studies and Former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Perarignar Anna's birthday was celebrated as Founder's Day.
- An online seminar on V.O.Chidambaranar was conducted by Thanjavur Tamil University.
- Rs.28.80 lakh was given as a scholarship to the students studying Tamil literature at Thanjavur Tamil University.
- Rs.12 lakh was provided for the translation and publishing of Tamil literature in world languages. In the first instance, Kalaignar's 'Sanga Tamil' book was translated into French and German languages.
- The Tamil University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with four International Institutes and 11 National Institutes for Tamil works.
- Foundational Tamil Training has been given to 15 IAS Officers by the concerned departmental professors of Tamil University.
- The "Tamil Dictionary Day" festival was celebrated on Veerama Munivar's birthday. State-level "drawing" and "Tamil word coining" competitions were conducted for school students and prizes were given.
- International seminars were conducted on Tamil Dictionary Day and the Research Magazines were distributed free of cost.
- A certificate and cash prize was awarded to six persons, who speak pure Tamil and 36 persons were awarded the 'Thooya Tamil Patraalar' Award, 2 'Pure Tamil Media' Award and 2 'Narthamizh Pavalar' Award.
- To publish the Glossary, Tamil e-books, contents of Government websites, etc., on Wikipedia and Wiki source under the Creative Public License, publications are being uploaded by the Directorate of Thamizh Etymological Dictionary project.
- Ulaga Tamil Sangam, Madurai has conducted 3 online Tamil Koodal and 12 International online Seminars.
- International online Seminar and Ulaga Tamil Sangam, Madurai has conducted an International Poetry meet under the name of 'Paarengum Bharathi'.
- Annal Ambedkar Birthday elocution competitions were conducted separately for Schools and Colleges in all Districts and prizes were distributed.
- 'Tamil Poet's Day' was celebrated to commemorate the 131st birthday of the Puratchi Kavi Pavendar Bharathidasan.

International Institute of Tamil Studies

- On the occasion of Pavender Bharathidasan's birthday celebration, a lecture was delivered on the theme "Puratchi Kavignar Vazhgirar" on behalf of Pavendar Bharathidasan Research.

World Tamil Sangam

- The International Poetry Forum was held online in collaboration with the Netherlands Sun Tamil Television, Kallidaikurichi National Education Foundation and Delhi Arts and Literature Council on the occasion of International Women's Day.
- A total of 16 books were released at the book publishing event.

Department of Art And Culture

- To celebrate the 75 years of India's

Independence, 75 videos of 75 art forms were created and published on the website at a cost of Rs.1.64 crore.

- A calendar in the name of "Poetry in motion" to propagate and show the features of the Tamil traditional and folk arts to the world level using a QR code.
- Tamil Nadu folk artistes' welfare board sanctioned Rs.31.19 lakh to the 733 registered members of folk artists for various welfare schemes.
- Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Nataka Mandram sanctioned Rs.3,000 per month to the 1,000 members of indigent artists under the scheme of financial assistance to indigent artists.
- Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Nataka Mandram sanctioned Rs.25,000 to 18 families of late renowned artists, as a one-time family maintenance grant.
- On the occasion of the birth centenary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar, a painting competition was conducted and a cash prize worth Rs.10 lakh was awarded.
- Department of Art and Culture sanctioned Rs.91.11 lakh to the legal heirs of 123 indigent artists under the scheme of financial assistance to indigent artists.
- An honorarium of Rs.5 lakh from the Chief Minister's relief fund was sanctioned to Thiru. Sairam, one of the grandsons of Thiru. M.K.Thiyagaraja Bhagavathar, the eminent artist.
- The number of awards given by the District Art Society was increased to 15. 525 artists were awarded at a cost of Rs.71 lakh.
- "Role of Tamil Nadu in freedom movement" in all Districts, the Tableau was welcomed by the Department of Art and Culture by conducting various cultural programmes and an honorarium of Rs.10.80 lakh was paid to the artists.
- Various cultural programmes were conducted through the Department of Art and Culture in collaboration with the Tourism Department and South Zone Cultural Center and an honorarium of Rs.44.30 lakh was paid to the artists.
- The activities and information of the field of Art and Culture are widely shared on social media sites like YouTube, Facebook, Twitter and WhatsApp to inform many people.
- A grand folk-art festival titled 'Namma Ooru Thiruvizha' was organized with the participation of about 500 folk artists.
- The Department of Art and Culture organized a colourful cultural programme at the Expo 2020 Dubai.
- In the state of Jammu and Kashmir from 10.11.2022 to 12.11.2022, in the Scheme of "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat", cultural

programmes were conducted with 60 artists from Tamil Nadu, at a cost of Rs.19 lakh.

- To commemorate the completion of the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the oldest Indian community in Malaysia, traditional cultural programmes were organised in the cities of Sabah and Sarawak in Malaysia from 02.12.2022 to 06.12.2022 under the cultural exchange programme between countries at a cost of Rs.13 lakh.
- A state-level winter camp was conducted in Madurai for the students of Tamil Nadu Jawahar Bal Bhavan at a cost of Rs.4 lakh.
- Margazhi music festival performance was conducted at seven regional cultural centres of the Department of Art and Culture at a cost of Rs.15 lakh.
- Cultural programmes were conducted during the World Tamil Day celebration at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai on 11.01.2023 and 12.01.2023.
- A grand folk arts cultural festival 'Chennai Sangamam – Namma Ooru Thiruvizha' was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 13.01.2023 and performed at 18 places in Chennai from 14.01.2023 to 17.01.2023 with 1,000 folk artistes at a cost of Rs.5.62 crore.
- A Pongal Art festival was conducted at Tamil Nadu House, New Delhi on 14.01.2023 and 15.01.2023 and the same festival was conducted at Legislative Assembly, New Delhi on 17.01.2023 at a cost of Rs.4.10 lakh.
- During World Heritage Week of January 2023, cultural programmes were conducted at Madurai, Tanjore, Mamallapuram and Tharangambadi at a cost of Rs.6.50 lakh.
- A group of 108 students from the Tamil Nadu Dr.J. Jayalalitha Music and Fine Arts University and Government Music Colleges performed traditional vocal music programmes in Temples at Palani, Madurai, Chennai and Srivilliputhur.
- Cultural Programmes were organized at a cost of Rs.3 lakh on the occasion of the Thaipusa Thiruvizha held at Arulmigu Thandayuthapaani Temple, Palani in Dindigul District on 01.02.2023.
- Spectacular cultural programmes were conducted at Chennai and Mamallapuram during the G20 education work group meetings held from 31.01.2023 to 02.02.2023 and the G20 finance work group meeting held on 23.03.2023 and 24.03.2023 at a cost of Rs.21 lakh.
- Students of Tamil Nadu Government Music College, Chennai performed a cultural programme at a Judiciary Conference in Madras High Court which was held on 25.02.2023 and 26.02.2023.
- Cultural programmes were presented at the 9th Ilamtamizhar literary workshop held from 15.03.2023 to 21.03.2023 at Madurai World Tamil Sangam.
- Bharathanatyam, a traditional art form of Tamil Nadu and Periyamelam instrumental music programmes were conducted at the World Economic Summit and 9th World Tamil Economic Conference were held in Dubai from 18.03.2023 to 20.03.2023 at a cost of Rs.11.50 lakh.
- For conducting cultural programmes, a grant of Rs.11.90 lakh was disbursed to seven private cultural organisations.

Department of Museum

- To upgrade the Gandhi Memorial Museum, Madurai along with the Restoration of the Heritage Building at an expenditure of Rs.6 crore.
- Security Management Control System (SMCS) which includes Surveillance

Cameras, Asset Protection systems, Fire alarm systems and Public Address systems with suitable modern gadgets and round-the-clock monitoring is being implemented through M/s. ELCOT at a cost of Rs.2.5 crore.

- Museum-based non-formal education programmes are being conducted in the Government Museum, Chennai and 23 Government Museums in the Districts.
- Restoration of a part of the Pantheon (Main) Building taken up at a cost of Rs.5.41 crore.
- Adaptive reuse of a Heritage Building after its restoration as a Cafeteria at a cost of Rs.2.81 crore.
- Construction of a new administrative block and provision of infrastructure facilities for Rs.4.80 crore.
- Rs.90 lakh for the construction of compound walls on two sides of the Fossil Museum, Ariyalur.

Department Of Archaeology

- Sharjamadi, Thanjavur, Danish Fort, Tharangambadi and Tirumalai Nayak Mahal, Madurai are to be renovated at a total cost of Rs.16.93 crore, for which, Rs.43.66 lakh have been sanctioned for this year.
- Kodumanal, Sivagalai and clusters of Keezhadi (i.e.) Agaram and Kondagai sites have been preliminarily notified as Protected Archaeological Sites.
- Necessary steps have been taken to display the artefacts found in a world-class open-air site museum at Keezhadi.
- A reconnaissance survey of Sangam Age Korkai has been planned at a total cost of Rs.1.50 crore of which Rs.64 lakh is to be borne by the Department of Archaeology.
- To carry out archaeological excavations in Tamil Nadu in a scientific manner, an increased amount of Rs.5 crore has been allocated.
- The archaeological excavation work at Keezhadi and its cluster (Manalur, Agaram, Kondagai) in Sivagangai District and Gangai konda cholapuram (Maaligaimedu) in Ariyalur District have been inaugurated.
- Rs.1.58 crore was sanctioned to provide 34 additional posts and essential funds for the new world-class Keezhadi Site Museum in Sivagangai District.
- Introduced Two-years Post Graduate Diploma in Epigraphy in the revamped Tamil Nadu Institute of Archaeology & Museology.
- Procurement of high hand-held portable 3D Scanners along with high-end workstations to digitally scan the artefacts and inscriptions by introducing 3D Scanning in the branch of excavation and inscriptions at a cost of Rs.60 lakh.
- To digitally document the Rock Art Paintings, an expert team consisting of an archaeological officer, geologist, anthropologist and folklorist has been constituted and the first field visit of about 18 sites in Krishnagiri District.
- The seven archaeological excavations namely Keezhadi and its cluster in Sivagangai District, Sivagalai and its cluster in Thoothukudi District, Gangai konda cholapuram in Ariyalur District, Mayiladumparai in Krishnagiri District are going on.
- Two systematic archaeological explorations in Vellore, Krishnagiri, Tiruvannamalai, Dharmapuri and Salem to identify the Neolithic sites and also at Tirunelveli

and Thoothukudi Districts to identify Thamiraparani River valley culture are to be taken up.

- New Tamil inscriptions found in Arittapatti, Mudhalaikulam, Thondur, Neganur, and Pulangkurichi are being notified as "Protected preliminarily Monuments".
- Unearthed artefacts from the sites like Adichanallur, Sivagalai and Korkai are to be displayed holistically at Tirunelveli city under the name world-class "Porunai Museum" at a cost of Rs.33.02 crore. Nearly, 13 acres of land have been identified.
- A special exhibition showcasing the unearthed antiquities from Keezhadi was set up.
- School and College Students were imparted with knowledge on the significance of temple and conservation works in all site museums during the celebrations of World Heritage Week to bring awareness to the preservation and conservation of Archaeological Monuments.
- A unique Porunai exhibition gallery of about 5,000 square feet showcasing the unearthed artefacts from the sites like Adichanallur, Sivagalai and Korkai has been organized at the 45th Chennai Book Fair.
- During the 5th Porunai Nellai Book Fair, a special exhibition gallery was established for the benefit of the public. Six volumes of inscriptions under the "Tamil Nadu Inscriptions" series were released.
- National level workshop on Lithic Technology was organized jointly with the Department of History and Tourism of Bharathiyar University, Coimbatore.
- An International seminar on "Early Tamil Culture and Heritage" was organized at Anna Centenary Library, Kotturpuram, Chennai.

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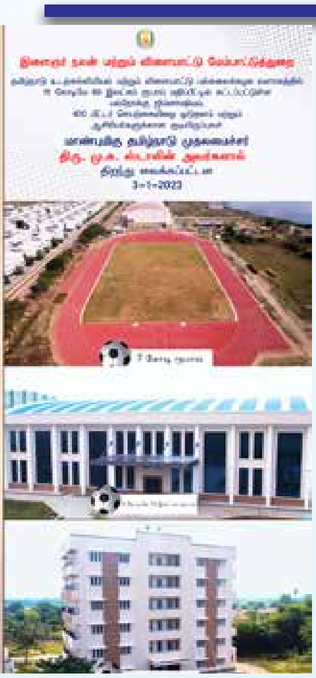
Youth Welfare and Sports Development, Special Programme Implementation Department & Poverty Alleviation Programme and Rural Indebtedness

Hon’ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development

Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin

Youth Welfare and Sports Development Department

- The Chief Minister’s State Youth Award cash award amount has been enhanced from Rs.50,000 to Rs. One lakh.
- Rs.6 lakh has been sanctioned as a high cash incentive to Ms.S. Ridhu Varshini for having secured a Gold medal in the team event in the World Youth Archery Championship held at Wroclaw, Poland.
- Rs.2 crore has been sanctioned to Thiru. T. Mariyappan for having secured a Silver medal in High Jump in the Paralympics 2020 held in Tokyo, Japan.



- Rs.92 lakh has been given to Thiru. Viswanathan Anand, Thiru. V.R.Aravindh Chithambaram, Thiru.R. Praggnanandhaa, Ms.R. Vaishali and Thiru. Srinath Narayanan (Non-playing captain, coach) in Indian Team for securing the gold medal in the FIDE Online Olympiad Chess Championship 2020.

- Rs.57.50 lakh has been given to Thiru. Viswanathan Anand, Thiru. B. Adhiban, Thiru. R. Praggnanandhaa, Ms.R. Vaishali, Ms.B.Savitha Shri and Thiru. Srinath Narayanan (Men's team coach) and Thiru. M. Shyam Sundar (Women's Team Coach) in Indian Team for securing the Bronze Medal in the FIDE Online Olympiad Chess Championship 2021.

- Rs.20 lakh has been given as a cash incentive to Thiru. B. Adhiban for having secured a Gold medal in the FIDE World Team Chess Championship 2019 held in Astana, Kazakhstan.

- Rs.5 lakh has been given as a cash incentive to Thiru. P. Iniyan for having achieved the International Grand Master Title in Chess 2019.

- Rs.5 lakh has been given as a cash incentive to Ms. Srija Seshadri for having achieved the Woman Grandmaster Title in Chess 2019.

- Rs.5 lakh each has been given as a cash incentive to Ms.V. Varshini and Ms. P.V. Nandhidhaa for having achieved the Woman Grandmaster Title in Chess 2020.

- Rs.3 lakh each has been given as a cash incentive to Thiru. V.S. Rathnavel and Thiru. M. Pranesh for having achieved International Master Title in Chess 2020.

- Rs.3 lakh has been given as a cash incentive to Ms. B. Savitha Shri for having achieved Women International Master Title in Chess 2021.

- Rs.8 lakh has been given as a cash incentive to Selvan. H. Bharath Subramaniyam for having achieved International Master Title in Chess 2019 and Grand Master Title in Chess for the year 2022.

- Rs.3.90 crore has been given as a cash incentive to medal winners in the Special Olympics World Summer Games held at Los Angeles, USA and Special Olympics World Summer Games held at Abu Dhabi, UAE as a special case.

- Rs.8 lakh has been given as a cash incentive to Ms. N. Harsha who had won the Gold medal in the Senior Female Individual Kumite 61 kg and secured the Silver medal in the Senior Female Team Kumite in the 5th Cadet Junior U-21 and Senior South Asian Karate Championship held at Dhaka, Bangladesh.

- Rs.8 lakh has been given as a cash incentive to Thiru. S. Arjun Kalyan who had achieved International Master Title in Chess 2018 and Grand Master Title in Chess 2021.

- Rs.2 lakh has been given as a cash incentive to Ms. Niveditha V Nair who had won the Bronze medal in the 25m Pistol Women Junior Team event category in the 14th Asian Shooting Championship held at Doha, Qatar.

- Rs.83.69 lakh has been given to the ELITE sportspersons under Special Scholarship Scheme.

- Rs.1.40 crore has been given to the sports persons under Mission International Medal Scheme.

- Selvi. S. Dhanalakshmi and Selvi. V. Subha (Athletes) participated in the Olympics 2020 held in Tokyo, Japan has been appointed to the Tamil Nadu Power Generation and Distribution Corporation Ltd., and Thiru. T.Mariappan who had won a Silver medal in the 2020 Paralympics and was appointed to the Tamil Nadu Newspaper and Papers Board under sports quota appointment.

- Silambam, one of the traditional martial arts of Tamil Nadu, has been included in the 3% sports quota.
- Construction of a New Sports Hostel for girls at the Integrated Sports Complex near Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai at a cost of Rs.7.94 crore.
- Basketball Court, Walker Path, an Indoor Stadium for Shuttle, Volleyball and Gymnasium Hall in the Stadium Campus at Hosur in Krishnagiri District at a cost of Rs.3.69 crore has been constructed.
- The Government had sanctioned Administrative and Financial Sanction for a sum of Rs.37 lakh for providing additional amenities for completing the Outdoor District Sports Complex at Katpadi in Vellore District in full shape.
- To encourage the sportspersons from Tamil Nadu for securing medals in the Olympic Games, the Government have enhanced the cash incentive to Rs.3 crore for the Gold medal, Rs.2 crore for the Silver medal and Rs.1 crore for the Bronze medal.
- Sportspersons from Tamil Nadu who had represented India in the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics 2020 were given Rs.5 lakh each and a total special cash incentive of Rs.55 lakh.
- Rs.5 lakh was presented to Selvi. C.A. Bhavani Devi for having been selected to represent India in the Tokyo Olympics 2021.
- Rs.3 crore has been given as Cash Incentive to Ms.Dipika Pallikal Karthik, Thiru. Saurav Ghosal and Ms.Joshana Chinappa who secured Gold Medals in the WSF World Doubles Squash Championships held at Glasgow, Scotland.
- Rs.5.93 crore has been given as cash incentives to 291 sportspersons for having won medals in the Sub-Junior / Junior / Youth / Senior level National Championship.

- Rs.5 crore was sanctioned for hosting the Chennai Open WTA International Tennis Championship 2022.
- Rs.42 crore has been given as a cash incentive to the 24 sportspersons for winning medals in team events in the 71st Senior National Basketball Championship.
- Rs.One lakh was sanctioned to each of the six sportspersons amounting to a total of Rs.6 lakh who are qualified to participate in the 24th Summer Deaflympics held in Brazil.
- Rs.27 lakh was given as cash incentives to the 18 sportspersons of the Tamil Nadu Men's Hockey Team who had secured the Silver medal in the 12th Senior National Championship held at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- Rs.5 lakh was given as a cash incentive toThiru. Lakshman Rohith Maradapa who had won the Bronze medal in the Asian Rowing Championship 2019 held at Chungju, South Korea.
- Rs.75 lakh was given as a cash incentive to Selvi.J.Jerlin Anika who had secured 3 Gold Medals in Women's Singles, Mixed Doubles and Team events in Badminton and Rs.35 lakh to Thiru. Prithvi Sekhar who had secured one Silver Medal in Men Doubles, and 2 Bronze Medals in Men Singles and Mixed Doubles in Tennis in the 24th Summer Deaflympics held in Brazil from 1st to 15th May 2022 totalling an amount of Rs.1.10 crore.
- Rs.4 lakh was given as a cash incentive to the 4 sportspersons for winning the medal in a team event in the 31st Senior National Fencing Championship (Men & Women) held at Delhi Public School, Rudrapur, Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand.
- Rs.3 lakh was given as a cash incentive to Thiru.V.S.Raahul, Chennai, for achieving International Master Title in Chess in the year 2022.
- Rs.4 lakh was given as a cash incentive toThiru. Anand Kumar Velkumar, who had won the Silver medal in Junior Men 15 km Elimination in the Inline Speed Skating World Championship held at Ibague-Tolima, Colombia.
- Rs.2.13 crore was given as a cash incentive to 144 medal winners in the All India Inter University Games.
- Rs.26.42 as a recurring grant was sanctioned for conducting the Tamil Nadu All India Services & Central Services Officers Tournament (TACS).
- Enhancement of expenditure towards the Arignar Anna Bicycle race from Rs. One lakh to Rs.38 lakh.
- A sum of Rs.3 lakh was given as a cash incentive to the 2 sportspersons viz., Ms. Srija Seshadri and Ms. K.Priyanka amounting to a total of Rs.6 lakh (Rupees six lakh only) who had achieved Women International Master Title in Chess.
- Rs.3 lakh was given as a cash incentive to the 3 sports persons viz., Thiru. R. Praggnanandhaa, Thiru.P.Iniyan and Thiru.L.R.Srihari who had achieved International Master Title in Chess, amounting to a total of Rs.9 lakh.
- Rs.30 lakh was sanctioned to be a platinum sponsor for the "Ninth Edition of Covelong Classic and Mahabs Point Break Challenge 2022", the National and International Surfing Competitions to be held on August 1 and 2 at Mahabalipuram and August 5 to 7at Kovalam.
- Rs.25 lakh was sanctioned as recurring expenditure towards Talent Identification among the Tribes of Thali, Thenkanikottai and its surrounding areas in Krishnagiri Districts under the Day Boarder Scheme and World Beater's Talent Spotting scheme.

- Rs.69 lakh was sanctioned as recurring expenditure towards setting up of Sports Hostel of Excellence for college girls in Katpadi, Vellore District.
- The Financial Aid given to the State Sports Association has been enhanced to Rs.4 crore as a recurring expenditure.
- Rs.20 lakh was given as cash incentives to 2 sportspersons who had won the Bronze medal in the 25th Asian Table Tennis Championships.
- Rs.5 lakh was given as a cash incentive to Ms. Joshana Chinappa who had won a Gold medal in the Women's category in the 77th SRFI National Squash Championship.
- Rs.35 lakh was given as a cash incentive to the 3 sportspersons who had won medals in the 12th World Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championships 2021 held at Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
- The revised administrative sanction for a sum of Rs.1.86 crore and financial sanction of Rs.67.48 lakh to complete the work for the construction of a Sports Hostel in the Nilgiris District.
- Enhancement of pension from Rs.3,000 to Rs.6,000 was sanctioned as Pension for the outstanding sportspersons who are in indigent condition.
- Rs.30 crore was sanctioned towards the maintenance of modern stadia under the control of the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu.
- Rs.3.91 crore was sanctioned as High Cash Incentive to the 4 sportspersons and their coaches who had won medals in the 22nd Common Wealth Games held in Birmingham, England.
- Rs.1 crore each to India "B" Team (General category) and India "A" Team (Women Team) was sanctioned to the winners of the 44th International Chess Olympiad.
- Rs.16.30 lakh was sanctioned to the Chief Minister's State Sports Award to the outstanding sportspersons, Chief Minister's Award to Best Coaches, Best Physical Directors / Physical Education Teacher, Best Referees and Sports Organizers.
- Revised Administrative Sanction for a sum of Rs.114.39 crore was sanctioned for the conduct of the 44th Chess Olympiad 2022.

- Annual grant towards providing uniform and sports equipment in the SDAT Sports Hostel enhanced to Rs.1.74 crore.
- Rs.10 lakh was given as cash incentives to Thiru. S. Mareeswaran and Thiru. S. Karthi who had secured a Bronze medal in the Asia Cup Hockey Championship held in Jakarta, Indonesia from May23 to June 2, 2022, totalling an amount of Rs.20 lakh.
- Rs. 5.93 crore has been given as cash incentives to 291 sportspersons for having won medals in the Sub-Junior / Junior / Youth / Senior level National Championship.
- Chief Minister's State Youth Award has been conferred to four individuals.
- Refreshment Allowance to the National Cadet Corps Cadets was enhanced to Rs.25 per cadet per hour.
- Rs.4.56 lakh was sanctioned consequent to the enhancement of Microlight Flying Training to the NCC Cadets.
- The administrative sanction for a sum of Rs.72.98 lakh was accorded towards the expansion of NCC in Coastal Districts.
- Rupees One crore was sanctioned towards the ongoing / proposed NCC Cadets Camps and training for the year 2022-2023.
- Rs.8.81 crore was waived off towards the payment of guard duty charges raised by the police department towards the deployment of Police personnel as guards at NCC Offices.
- Centre of Excellence for Badminton Academy which was constructed at a cost of Rs. 13.33 crore, Centre of Excellence in Table Tennis Academy which was constructed at a cost of Rs. 12.60 crore, Hostel for 400 students which was constructed at a cost of Rs.14.59 crore, Centre of Excellence in Bio Mechanics Laboratory which was constructed at a cost of Rs. 13.12 crore, Traditional Kalaripayattu and Silambam Training Centre at a cost of Rs. 1.60 crore a dining hall with a kitchen centre in the Camping Centre which was constructed at a cost of Rs.51.72 lakh, a parking shed for 210 two-wheelers and 25 four-wheelers at a cost of Rs.73 lakh which was constructed at Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University has been inaugurated.
- The financial allocation of Rs.5.83 crore towards the construction of additional classroom buildings, Rs.1.10 crore towards Baffle Firing Range, Rs.5.95 crore for the construction of a Multipurpose Indoor Stadium at District Sports Complex, Theni, have been accorded.
- In order to encourage Boxing sport among the youth of Chennai, the Government had sanctioned Administrative sanction to set up a Boxing Academy at Gopalapuram, Chennai at a cost of Rs.7.78 crore.
- Rs.50.85 crore has been sanctioned for conducting the "Chief Minister's Trophy" for the year 2022-2023.
- Rs.8.25 crore has been sanctioned for relaying of synthetic athletic track at District Sports Complex, MGR Stadium, Madurai.
- Rs.50 lakh has been sanctioned for the construction of a Weightlifting Training Centre at Paramakudi in Ramanathapuram District.
- Rs.85.60 lakh has been sanctioned for the construction of a Tennis Court and the construction of a Gym Hall in the District Sports Complex, Karur District.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister has inaugurated the 400-meter synthetic athletic track, multi-purpose training hall and residential building for teachers in Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University.
- During the Republic Day Camp and Prime Minister's Rally in January 2023, Tamil Nadu National Cadet Corps Directorate

stood in Second position in the Republic Day Camp.

Special Programme Implementation

Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation

- ❖ The skill training has been given to 1,32,348 educated youth in our state and 83,285 people have been given employment among them.

Short Term Skill Training (STT)

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation is providing short term skill training for over 30 Industrial sectors such as Agriculture, Automotive, Banking, Financial Services and Insurance, Construction, Electronics, Food Processing, Handicrafts Manufacturing, Healthcare, Information Technology and Information Technology Services, Management, Media, Entertainment, Tourism and Hospitality. A total of 1,32,348 youths have been given short-term training from May 2021 till now.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

- ❖ The acknowledgment of competency through experience is the process of evaluating competency attained through experience and providing appropriate certification. So far 1,11,371 persons have been given skill certificate under this scheme.
- ❖ In current year, it is planned to provide assessment and certification through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) to artisans making traditional arts and crafts. The RPL certification will also be given to revive and preserve the endangered traditional Tamil arts of idol carving, palm leaf weaving skills, coconut shell jewelry and craft training, mat weaving, natural dye skill training and wooden puppet making.
- ❖ It is planned to declare the instructors who run the community skill schools under Vaazhndhu Kattuvom scheme in the rural areas as Master Faculties by recognizing their skills. Approximately 1,395 social

skill school instructors will benefit from this initiative.

Naan Mudhalvan

- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has launched the "Naan Mudhalvan" program on 01.03.2022 to provide vocational skill development training for the youth of Tamil Nadu.
- Through the Naan Mudhalvan programme, the school identifies the unique talents of the students, provides appropriate guidance to choose learning paths accordingly and paves the way for them to choose future careers as per their choice. Bridging the skill gap between educational Institutions and industries with continuous involvement of industries in educational field in skill development programmes for college students, imparting industry-related skills through skills training and hands-on training in line with emerging technological change, imparting employability and entrepreneurship skills to the youth to excel make them excellent. Also through hackathon, the talented youths are identified. The main objective of the program are to train them to the standard of world-class competitions and participate in there competitions. The scheme helps to benefit the students studying in engineering colleges, arts and science colleges, polytechnics, and other vocational institutions.
- A world-class skill training is designed to enhance the skills of rural students at as equivalent as urban students at no cost and The growing and employment opportunities oriented skill trainings such as in collaboration with multinationals companies like Microsoft, IBM, HCL, TCS iON, Infosys, Cambridge and Google. These skill training are being provided to 12.9 lakh students by industry experts on foreign career opportunities such as Big Data, Internet of Things, Robotics, Artificial Intelligence skills, Machine Learning etc., are being provided. A dedicated website (www.naanmudhalvan.tn.gov.in) is being designed and implemented to enable students to access skill classes easily at no cost.
- Under the Naan Mudhalvan Schools Programme launched on 25th June 2022. 52,75,203 students in 37,554 schools have been sensitized about future employment opportunities. The skill training were imparted to 2,25,400 facilities. The Information on more than 150 scholarships for higher studies is provided to students.

Naan Mudhalvan in Engineering Colleges

- "Naan Mudhalvan" Project offers several training courses on its platform to enhance the skills of engineering college students in emerging technologies.
- 41 Mandatory Skill Trainings are offered in Engineering Colleges where training has been started on 29th August 2022 under "Naan Mudhalvan" Scheme.
- 4,60,734 students in 483 colleges have being trained in skill training for future employment. 26 leading institutes are offering mandatory courses in agreement with the Government of Tamil Nadu.

Naan Mudhalvan in Arts and Science Colleges

- 8,29,391 students in 842 colleges have benefited by acquiring skills to get employment suitable for industry sector.

Naan Mudhalvan in Polytechnic colleges

- 1,18,043 students in 464 colleges are to be benefited by acquiring skills and employability in the industry.
- The Naan Mudhalvan program has been well received by the students and the faculties, which nurtures the individuality of the students and provide them an opportunity to succeed in the field of their choice in the future.

Training programs of leading companies that guarantee employment

HCL “Techbee” Training Scheme

- With a project cost of Rs.20 crore, a scheme to guarantee employment to 2,000 students who have completed class 12 in Government schools is underway in collaboration with HCL Technologies. So far, 176 Government school students have benefited.

TCS iON - Phy – digital Learning Program in IT Sector

- A skill training program with TCS iON is underway to provide futuristic training to 2,500 youth in the IT-ITeS sector at a project cost of Rs.5.49 crore for Government College of Engineering, Arts and Science students. So far 7,835 students have taken NQT and 2,600 students have been selected in TCS Institute.

Gedee German B & A Level Certificate Course

- A two-year training program for 200 students in tool making technology under the German VET objective has been started at a project cost of Rs.1.65 crore.

GKD ITR Training in Manufacturing and Foundry Technology

- This project initiated in collaborating with GKD institute of Technological Research under GKD foundation to train 900 students. Project outlay of Rs.3.66 crore. Now the training commenced & undergoing for 568 youths.

Skill training in Government Industrial Training Institutes and Polytechnic Institutes

- In order to meet the high skill requirement of the industries, Government industrial training institutes and polytechnic institutes which have the best infrastructure required for vocational education are now conducting short term skill training courses at free of cost with the financial assistance of the Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation. So far 98 Government industrial Training Centers have been registered and currently short term training has been started in 28 Government industrial Training Centers in which skill training is being provided to 720 students.

Unleashing creativity and innovation through hackathons.

- Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation has developed the Naan Mudhalvan program festival platform to find innovative solutions to some of the pressing problems we face in our daily lives under the Naan Mudhalvan programme. There are many programs, internships and competitions going on with various leading companies like Microsoft, Google, Autodesk and leading institutes like IIT-Bombay, IIT-Madras.
- This initiative will help Tamil Nadu to provide solutions to creativity, innovation,

employment and entrepreneurship issues. It aims to develop a mindset that addresses the key problem of 21st century skill demand and employment. This gives the institutes an opportunity to understand the industry demands and realign their curriculum as per the current need.

IIT Madras Research Park student Internship Program

- TNSDC in collaboration with IIT Madras Research Park is conducting an internship program for the students through Naan Mudhalvan. Students who are selected under the program will be mentored by industry experts and certificate will be issued to them through IIT Madras Research Park. Also, a learning through activity program is proposed to be started from next semester for inculcating a mindset on reverse engineering with the collaboration of IIT Madras.

IIT Bombay FOSSEE Mapathon

- A hackathon conducted in collaboration with IIT Bombay FOSSEE in which the students will create maps using the remote sensing data using free and open-source software. Colleges with the most participating teams will be recognized by TNSDC and the best performers will be awarded internships with IIT Bombay and get exclusive invites for job fairs.

IIT Bombay Virtual walkthrough competition

- For the students who are undergoing the Naan Mudhalvan mandatory course, Architectural Visualization will be given a chance to participate in the virtual walk through competition conducted by IIT Bombay and Ministry of Culture, GoI. The theme for the competition is History and Culture – South Indian States. Best performing students and colleges will be rewarded.

IIT Bombay Snippets stipend program

- TNSDC in collaboration with IIT Bombay, National Virtual Library of India & Indian Culture is conducting "Earn while you Learn" program. It is a freelancing opportunity with certification from IIT Bombay. The students have to write a Snippet for 200 words about Prominent Personalities, Living Traditions associated with India's Freedom Struggle in various districts of India, and they will be rewarded Rs. 400 for each snippet that will be approved. One submission from the students who have undergone Naan Mudhalvan Cambridge English training has been made mandatory. This is open to all the college students from any department.

Blockchain Internship

- Naan Mudhalvan in collaboration with IBC Media is conducting this internship to upskill students in emerging technologies when they participate & complete the project in the 3 different courses offered under the program.

- **Learn to Code:** The students get the opportunity to learn coding by deep diving into various topics like RUST, Polka dot Ecosystem, etc. through 15 days technical training session by industry experts.

- **On Ground Alt Hack:** It is an 8-day boot camp for the students to get upskilled in emerging technologies like Web 3 & Blockchain.

- **Build with Experts:** In this program the student will get the opportunity to build real world business solutions with the industry experts for a period of 45 days.

Fusion 360 Design challenge in partnership with CEAT, Anna University

- Fusion 360 Design challenge was conducted by Centre of Excellence in Automotive Technology (CEAT), Anna University in association with Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation (TNSDC) powered by Autodesk Inc.

- The main objective of this program was to empower students for future skill development, embrace design and bring their ideas to life. This program has enabled students to learn new emerging technologies like Generative Design (AI-based learning), Additive Manufacturing thereby enhancing their skills in design thinking leading to product innovation.
- The preliminary event was conducted in 5 zones viz., Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai, Tirunelveli and Trichy in 3 Levels. Engineering and diploma students from 2nd year to final year registered and participated in this design challenge. There were two different platforms one for engineering student and other one for polytechnic students.
- From the winners of three levels 120 teams comprising of 320 students were invited for Fusion 360 Mega. The evaluations were conducted by eminent industry juries from various companies like Daimler Truck Innovation Center India private limited, Siemens Gamesa, Renault Nissan Technology, Bosch, IGCAR, Caterpillar India Private Limited. The winners will be rewarded with high value skill programs and internships.

Special program trainings provided by Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation

- Through the legislative notification of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, some trainings are being conducted by Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation to impart skill development training to the 10th, 12th and Graduates residing in the areas unmarked by the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Board for the year 2021-2022. The training like beautician, General Duty Assistant, Driving training etc have been provided to 236 trainees.
- In continuation to this, a resolution has been passed in 28th Board Of Directors to impart training to 1,060 Instructors in 2022-2023 at First generation training centre at Kannagi Nagar to under like Hand embroidery, Beautician, Computer skill training, Nursing assistant, Lab Assistant, Auto Driving,

Multi-cuisine cook, Electrician etc., through few training institutes.

- As a pilot scheme, 280 law students were given training in professional English Language skill training in 3 districts. Following this, in current year, 2,920 law students will be trained on the same in 14 law colleges.

- Through the legislative notification of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, in order to provide employment to the Sri Lankan Tamils living in camps and to increase their livelihood, 2,796 beneficiaries in 32 districts have been given training and employment by providing skill training district wise to the Sri Lankan Tamils through the Tamil Nadu Skill Development Project.

- Children of sanitation workers living in flats in corporation and municipal areas in Tamil Nadu do not concentrate properly in their studies and drop out midway.

- The Tamil Nadu Sanitation Staff Board has asked the Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation to conduct research to identify such children, raise their educational standards and improve their quality of life by making them suitable for college studies. Following this, on a preliminary basis, permission has been obtained to set up a "Shelter Skill Development Training Center" in Tirunelveli district and, training has been provided to only 21 children and the funds have been provided accordingly.

- During the demand for prison sector it was announced by the Hon'ble Minister for law, court and prison for giving training to 20 beneficiaries through TNSDC under the scheme called 'Reformatory Prisons' for the convicts and remanded prisoners. This scheme is for all the categories of Prisoners.

- Agriculture for the year 2021-2022 Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation has imparted training to 2,500 youths in 2021-2022 in grafting, layering, pruning, maintenance of poly green house, establishment of micro irrigation system, operating horticultural machinery, repairing of agricultural machinery etc., guarding, maintenance of green house, maintenance of fresh water irrigation system, repair of solar powered pump sets etc.

- To impart skill training to the ex-servicemen through Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation 337 ex-servicemen were trained in 20 districts of their home shown interest in the areas like Electric Two Wheeler Repairing, Battery Charging Centers, Cell Phone Repairing, Computer Typing Training, Aviation Driving Training / Light Vehicle Driver training, Tailoring and Carpentry. They also have shown interest in skill training like coaching.

- Also, Shuttering carpenter, Self Employed tailor, Hand Embroidery, Light Vehicle Driver Training, Automotive Service technician (two and three wheeler) and Assistant Spa technician have been provided through Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation. The skill training will be approved by the 28th Board of Directors meeting and will be provided through training partners of Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation.

World Skill Competitions 2022

- Our state won 23 medals and ranked 5th at national level in Indian Skill Competitions. Winners of India Skills Competitions 2021 from Tamil Nadu were felicitated with cash prizes by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 140.3.2022 in which 2 gold medalists were awarded Rupees One lakh each, 8 silver

medalists were awarded Rs.50,000 each, 8 bronze medalists and 5 special awardees were awarded Rs.25,000 each. The winners of the Indian Skill Competitions participated in World Skill Competitions held at various countries and three people from Tamil Nadu won medals and brought pride to our state.

Naan Mudhalvan - Competitive Exams

- The "Naan Mudhalvan - Competitive Examinations" Section was inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister of Youth Welfare Sports Development on 7th March 2023.
- In the past few years, the number of Tamil Nadu youth passing the Civil Services Examination (UPSC), Banking Examinations, Railway Department Examinations (RRB, RRC), Central Staff Selection Commission (SSC) examinations conducted by the Union Government have been decreasing.
- "Competitive Examinations" section has been created under the "Naan Mudhalvan" scheme, considering the objective to change this situation and ensure that the youth of Tamil Nadu should pass in more numbers in examinations conducted by the various service commissions of Union Government.
- "Naan Mudhalvan" Competitive Examinations Division will conduct live and online coaching sessions for Bank Examination (IBPS), Central Staff Selection Commission (SSC) Examinations and Railway Board Examinations (RRB) in association with employment offices and selected colleges in all districts of the state.
- Also, the Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation will implement a program to provide advanced training and study materials to the students appearing for the civil services examination in collaboration with Anna institute of Management.
- Every year 1,000 students are selected through assessment test. Selected students will get Rs. 7,500 as an incentive for 10 months. Also Rs.25,000 will be given as an incentive to those who pass the first level examination.
- Also, through this scheme, appropriate training will be provided to the teachers by specialized experts so that the students of Tamil Nadu can get in to higher education institutions like IIT, National Law University, AIIMS etc, which are under the Union Government and the trained teachers will provide the Excellent training to students

so that they can face the exams in a better manner and get success.

Tamil Nadu Women Development Corporation

Social Mobilization And Institution Development

Formation of new Self Help Groups

- In the rural areas, 45,238 Self Help Groups were formed with 4,64,709 members.

Financial Support to SHGs

- Release of Rs.41.73 crore as revolving fund, Rs.483.92 crore as community investment fund and Rs.14.59 crore as vulnerability reduction fund.

Financial Inclusion

- Loans worth Rs.47,03,453 have been obtained by 8,57,949 Women Self Help Groups through banks.

Livelihood Schemes

Farming Activities

- Rs.154 lakh has been released to 77 producer groups for the production of Certified class seeds.
- In rural households, in 5,00,000 nutrition gardens developed under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, Moringa and Papaya saplings have been distributed.
- 50 Natural farming clusters were created and registration and certification were done, the Scope certificate required for selling the Natural Farming Products was obtained and Rs. 300 lakh was released.
- 177 Integrated Farming Clusters have been created with financial assistance worth Rs.3,540 lakh.
- 6,135 producer groups have been formed and Rs.12,270 has been given as revolving fund.

Non-farming Activities

- Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Program (SVEP)
- Rs.510.36 lakh has been given as revolving fund to 2,574 institutions.

Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihoods Mission

- 8,250 small and medium enterprises have been given loans worth Rs.2,750 lakh.
- 248 clusters have been formed and Rs.620 lakh has been given as revolving fund.
- SHGs promoted under TNSRLM are facilitated to get support from the PMFME scheme. 2,374 enterprises in the food sector are to get seed capital worth Rs.1,186 lakh from the PMFME scheme.

National Rural Economic Transformation Project

- 1,000 small and medium enterprises have received loans worth Rs.600 lakh.
- To enhance the livelihoods of those socially and economically vulnerable individuals, 23,048 special SHGs were formed and 1,19,274 persons have benefitted.
- In the 23,048 special SHGs, 9,020 groups were formed of differently-abled persons and Rs.4.85 crore was given as revolving fund and Rs.14.59 crore was given as rural vulnerability reduction fund.
- To enable 6,800 groups of differently-abled persons start-up enterprises, from the community investment fund Rs.83.62 crore was released.

- Various gender interventions are implemented in the State to prevent harassment against women and children. One Gender Point Person (GPP) has been nominated in each SHG. Community Resource Persons and Block Resource Persons are engaged at Panchayat and Block respectively to co-ordinate and monitor gender-related activities.
- In all the Taluks, monthly meetings are conducted and through these, necessary steps are taken at the regional level to ensure that these special SHGs get the benefits of all the Government schemes. 3,032 persons have benefitted.

Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana

Skill Development Training

- Rural youth in the age group of 18 to 35 years are imparted skill training in various trades and job roles through empanelled Project Implementation Agencies. 6,985 youth have been given skill development training at a cost of Rs.41.91 crore and 1,335 youth have been employed in various organisations.

Employment Camp

- 43 employment camps were conducted at the district level at a cost of Rs.43 lakh and 27,766 youth have been employed in various firms.

Social Mobilization and Institution Development (SM&ID)

- Throughout the state, for the social and economic development of urban poor and vulnerable sections, 40,438 new Self Help Groups (SHGs) have been established.
- Rs.38.05 crore has been given as revolving fund to 38,053 self-help groups.
- To co-ordinate the activities of the SHGs, 861 divisional-level and 9 city-level committees have been formed.
- Rs.3.17 crore has been given as revolving fund to 632 divisional-level committees.

Self-Employment Programme

Self-Employment Programme for Individuals (SEP-I)

- Under SEP-I, 16,182 individual enterprises have been supported with bank loans worth Rs.84.32 crore.

Self-Employment Programme for Groups (SEP-G)

- Under SEP-G, 9,398 activity groups

have been supported with bank loans of Rs.311.52 crore.

Self-Employment Programme (Bank Linkage) (SEP-BL)

- Under SEP-BL, 54,240 urban SHGs have been provided credit linkage from Bank to the tune of Rs. 2,563.06 crore.

Employment through Skill Training and Placement (EST&P)

- 27,865 urban poor were given skill development training along with employment, and Rs.62.15 crore has been released.

Tamil Nadu Rural Transformation Project (Vazhndhu Kattuvom Project)

- Out of the 3,512 producer groups, 3,235 groups were assisted with start-up funds to the tune of Rs.24.26 crore.
- Out of the 1,002 enterprise groups, 760 groups were assisted with start-up funds to the tune of Rs.5.70 crore.
- 53 Producer Collectives have been registered under the Companies Act, 2013 and were assisted with start-up funds to the tune of Rs.7 crore.
- 1,619 Community Skill Schools (CSS) were established and 34,429 youth were given training, at a cost of Rs.12.14 crore.
- 5,392 Community Farm Schools (CFS) were established and 1,64,128 producers were given training at a cost of Rs.45.75 crore.
- Under the Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP), 5,391 entrepreneurs have been trained at a cost of Rs.1.31 crore.

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Law, Courts, Prisons and Prevention of Corruption

Hon'ble Minister for Law

Thiru. S. Regupathy

- Construction of additional class rooms in the Government Law College, Tirunelveli, at a cost of Rs. 4.70 crore.
- 12 persons selected through the Teachers Recruitment Board were appointed as Assistant Professors in the Government Law Colleges.
- Rs.3 crore was sanctioned towards the purchase of Books for the Libraries of the 15 Government Law Colleges and for the academic year 2022-2023, Rs. One crore has been accorded for the same.
- A new Government Law College at Karaikudi, Sivagangai Districts has been started with an intake of 80 students each in 3 year and 5 year Law degree Course from the academic year 2022-2023 at a cost of Rs.92.01 lakh.

- Rs.30 lakh was sanctioned towards the establishment of Wi-Fi Zones in the Government Law Colleges at Tiruchirappalli, Coimbatore and Tirunelveli.
- Financial sanction of Rs.14 lakh was accorded towards conducting faculty development programme and refresher course periodically to the Assistant Professors of the Government Law Colleges to improve their teaching skills.
- Financial sanction was accorded for a sum of Rs.28 lakh per annum towards conducting international training workshops, seminars and law conferences for the final year students of 14 Government law colleges.
- English Skill Development has been imparted to the students of three Government Law Colleges through the Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation.
- Rs.28 lakh was sanctioned for the establishment of indoor stadium and gym in the Government Law Colleges at Tiruchirappalli, Coimbatore, Tirunelveli, Chengalpattu and Vellore.
- Financial sanction was accorded for a sum of Rs.92.31 crore towards the construction of permanent building for the Government Law College, Namakkal along with Men's and Women's hostel.
- A new L.L.M Course was started in the Dr.Ambedkar Government Law College, Pudupakkam, and Chengalpattu and Tirunelveli Government Law Colleges from the academic year 2022-2023.
- Rs.3 crore was sanctioned towards the purchase of Law Books in the Libraries of all the Government Law Colleges.
- Rs.70 lakh has been accorded for conducting Moot Court competitions in the Government Law Colleges and selection of students for participating in the International Moot Court competitions in academic year 2022-2023.
- Financial sanction was accorded for a sum of Rs.13.02 crore towards the construction of library for the Government Law College, Vellore and Tirunelveli
- Rs. 25 lakh was sanctioned for setting up of RO system in the Government Law colleges at Tiruchirappalli, Coimbatore, Tirunelveli, Chengalpattu and Vellore.
- Rs.1.57 crore was sanctioned towards the establishment of Football and Cricket Play grounds in the Dr.Ambedkar Government Law College, Pattaraiperumputhur, Chennai.
- Orders have been issued for implementing the Internship Programme in Law Department for 17 fresh Law graduates who have completed UG degree in Law from the Government Law Colleges and the School of Excellence in Law of the Tamil Nadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University.
- Rs.35.92 lakh was sanctioned towards the purchase of Machinery, equipments, computer and spare parts for the Government Law College Salem, Namakkal and Theni.
- Rs.4.40 lakh was reimbursed to the Tamil Nadu National Law University towards the expenses incurred in organizing All India

Legal History Conference, virtually through Zoom platform.

- ❖ Tuition fees worth Rs.2 lakh was paid by the first generation graduate students studying in Tamil Nadu National Law University was reimbursed by the Government.
- ❖ Rs.20 lakh was sanctioned towards establishing centre for Law and Agriculture and centre for Investment Laws at the Tamil Nadu National Law University, Tiruchirappalli.
- ❖ Administrative sanction was accorded for Rs.46.58 lakh towards establishment of Audio and Visual Media Centre in the School of Excellence in Law in the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University at Perungudi Campus.
- ❖ Administrative approval was accorded for a sum of Rs.1.67 crore towards the setting up of Solar Power Plant in the School of Excellence in Law in the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University.
- ❖ NCC has been introduced as an elective subject in the UG degree Courses offered in the School of Excellence in Law.
- ❖ New L.L.M Course has been started in the subject "Cyber Space - Law and Justice" at a cost of Rs.1.18 crore in the Tamil Nadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University.
- ❖ Action is being taken by the Tamil Nadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University to improvise the research in the field of Law at par with International Standard at a cost of Rs.15 lakh.
- ❖ Orders have been issued to the effect that admissions for Post Graduate degrees in Law (L.L.M., Course) offered in the Government Law Colleges will be conducted through online.
- ❖ Rs.20 lakh was sanctioned towards establishing the Centre for Research,

Development and Training in Cyber Laws and Cyber Security and Centre for Business and Human Rights at the Tamil Nadu National Law University, Tiruchirappalli.

- A sum of Rs.10.86 crore was sanctioned to the Tamil Nadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University as Block Grant – I for the year 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.

- A sum of Rs.27 lakh was reimbursed to the 20 first generation students studying in Tamil Nadu National Law University, Tiruchirappalli, towards the tuition fee paid by them.

- Orders have been issued to the effect that Proportion of Tamil Nadu State's reservation Policy (69%) will be followed for "All India Category" in the admissions of Under Graduate/Post Graduate/Ph.D programmes offered by the Tamil Nadu National Law University.

Prisons Department

- Action is being taken for there form of Prisoners by change of the Prisons in to Reform Centers.

- Enhancement of weekly ceiling of expenditure from the Prisoners Cash Property amount from Rs.750 to Rs.1,000 in respect of 'A' Class prisoners and Rs.450 to Rs.750 in respect of 'B' Class prisoners.

- There is an increase in the percentage of apportionment made from the wages earned by the prisoners from 50% to 80% for credit into their Account.

- Enhancement of expenditure for providing special diet to the prisoners from Rs.50 to Rs.100 at a cost of Rs.39 lakh per annum as an additional recurring expenditure.

- Anew scheme in the name of "Seerthirutha Siragugal" for there formation and rehabilitation of all types of prison inmates at a cost of Rs. One crore per annum.

- Through the Tamil Nadu Police Housing Board, quarters were constructed in the Central Prisons of Madurai, Salem and Palayamkottai. Further, 6 quarters for Assistant Jailors of Central Prison, Coimbatore construct data cost of Rs.1.27 crore were inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 12.04.2022.

- 10 Warder Quarters and one Assistant Jailor Quarters for the staff of Ambasamudram Sub-Jail constructed at a cost of Rs.2.35 crore was in angulated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 08.08.2022.

- Prisoners test identification parade room in 12 District Jails in Tamil Nadu built at a cost of Rs.269.84 lakh was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 25.11.2022.

- In the keen interest of the Government to develop Library Facilities in the prisons to encourage reading habits among the inmates and as are formative measure through literacy, the Department of Prisons and Correctional Services participated for the first time in the 46th edition of Chennai Book Fair and other districts organized by the Book Sellers and Publishers Association of South India (BAPASI) in association with the Government of Tamil Nadu, by setting up as tall to draw the attention of various booksellers, publishers about the prison libraries and to receive books to the

prison libraries as a donation from willing persons.

- During the above book fair, more than 70,000 books were received as donations which will be given to the prisoners through prison libraries.
- The Director of Public Libraries has directed District Libraries to lend 2,000 books to 9 Central Prisons, 500 books to 5 Special Prison for Women and 14 District Jails and 100 books to113 Sub-Jails, once or twice a month for the use of inmates.
- The Department of Prisons and Correctional Services, in collaboration with the Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation Ltd., has provided skill development training in apparel designing through Apparel Training and Design Centre to the inmates of Central Prison-1, Puzhal on 15.02.2023. Course completion certificates were issued to the released prisoners along with placement orders.
- An intercom facility has been introduced in the visitors' hall to reduce the noise and to have a clear conversation between the prisoners and their visitors. The inmates are very thankful to the Government in this regard.
- Aadhaar enrollment camps are being conducted in prisons to generate Aadhaar cards as prisoners are not having authenticated documents. This Aadhaar card will enable them to apply for Employment /Financial loans after their release from prison to lead a comfortable and dignified life.
- In view of the hygiene factor of the prison inmates,15 Heavy Duty Laundry machines have been installed at Central Prisons, Special Prison for Women and District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukkottai, at a cost of Rs. 60 lakh.

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Visits the State Emergency Centre at Ezhilagam and heard about field level details about the Mandous Cyclone on 09.12.2022.

Receiving petitions from the policemen to redress their grievances under the 'Ungal Thuraiyil Chief Minister Scheme' on 22.09.2022.

Housing, Rural Housing, Town Planning projects and Housing Development, Accommodation Control, Urban Planning, Urban Development

Hon'ble Minister for Housing and Urban Development

Thiru. S. Muthusamy

Tamil Nadu Housing Board

- 5,835 allotment orders and 1,898 Sale deeds have been issued in Tamil Language by Tamil Nadu Housing Board.
- Sale deeds have been issued to 11,528 Allottees by Tamil Nadu Housing Board. In all divisions / units of TNHB, Special camp and sale deed mela have been conducted for three days every month.
- 615 works in Madurai, Salem, Gudiyatham, Ambattur and Hosur have been commenced at a cost of Rs.33.71 crore.

- The Tamil Nadu Apartment Ownership Act (Amendment) Bill, 2022 was passed in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly and for implementing the Act, the formation of rules is in process.

- 83 persons have been appointed on Compassionate basis in Tamil Nadu Housing Board.

- On the occasion of the 97th birthday of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, under Kanavu Illam Thittam initiated by the Government of Tamil Nadu to encourage the writers from Tamil Nadu who are recipients of National awards such as Jnanpith and Sahitya Akademi Awards, State Literary Awards and Awards of renowned global organizations, 10 awardees for the financial year 2021-2022 and 10 awardees for the financial year 2022-2023 have been selected by the Tamil Development Department. In first phase, allotment orders have been given to 6 awardees by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 03.06.2022.

- The Interest waiver scheme for 14,563 allottees who have not received sale deed for houses/plots in TNHB schemes have been approved by Government of Tamil Nadu on November 2022 for a value of Rs.53 crore. Accordingly, Rs.10.45 crore has been waived for 454 beneficiaries.

Registrar of Co-Operative Societies (Housing)

- The Tamil Nadu Co-operative Housing federation has taken an initiative to fund the layout schemes implemented by the 4 Primary Co-operative Housing societies on joint venture basis at a cost of Rs.60.23 crore.

- 5 layout schemes are in implementation as of now and 1,492 plots were sold with a business turnover of Rs.408.66 crore. Permission were given to implement 8 layout schemes to promote 254.61 acres of land.

- 164 Primary Co-operative Housing societies have issued loans to the tune of Rs.994.1 crore and are having an outstanding of Rs.2,420 crore as loans.

- 1,146 properties such as Shops, Marriage Halls, Community Halls etc., are rented out by 79 Primary Co-operative Housing Societies and a rental income of Rs.7.61 crore have been earned.

- 5 Co-operative Medical Shops are being run by 4 Primary Co-operative Housing Societies and medicines to the value of Rs.6.31 crore has been sold and Rs.65.34 lakh has been earned as net profit.

- 4 Primary Co-operative Housing Societies have been sold 2055.05 metric tonnes of Arasu Cement to the value of Rs.88.38 lakh.

- 39 common service centres are being run by the Primary Co-operative Housing Societies by giving 80,199 services with a business turnover of Rs.40.87 lakh.

- Health Insurance Scheme for the employees of the Co-operative Housing Societies is being implemented by the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Housing Federation. Around 1,500 employees and 2,500 of the family members are covered under the scheme. 187 employees have benefited to the tune of Rs.62.15 lakh.

- Modernization of Kalyana Mandapam in Karthikeyapuram Co-operative Housing

Society, Chengalpattu Region at a revised cost of Rs.1.05 crore has been completed.

❖ Construction of a commercial complex with 24 shops at a cost of Rs.98 lakh by Katpadi Township Co-operative Housing Society, Vellore Region has been completed.

Directorate of Town and Country Planning

❖ Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the Town and Country Planning office building constructed at a cost of Rs. 5 crore in Madurai District.

❖ Coimbatore, Salem and Erode District Office building construction works have been completed and are ready for inauguration.

❖ For preparation of regional plans, the state has been divided into 12 regions and Regional Plan (Preparation, Publication and Sanction) Rules, 2021 has been framed. The School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal has been preparing regional plans of Coimbatore and the Nilgiris, at a cost of Rs. 2.75 crore. Under the financial assistance of Rs.10.50 crore funded by Asian Development Bank, preparation of regional plan for Madurai region is under progress.

❖ Rs. 41.63 crore has been accorded for the preparation of plans for 8 regions.

❖ The District Town and Country Planning Office in Mayiladuthurai was inaugurated on on 16.12.2021.

❖ Rs.60 crore towards construction of own office buildings in 18 districts.

❖ Tamil Nadu Town and Country Planning Act, 1971 has been reviewed by the CEPT in Ahmedabad. Draft Act Amendment has

been prepared and it is under consideration for finalisation.

- Urban Development Authorities have been created for Madurai, Coimbatore, Tiruppur and Hosur.
- For the benefit of the public, the validity of planning permission period is extended from 5 to 8 years.
- Under regularization scheme, 1,423 educational buildings have been regularized.
- For increasing the plan area from 7 per cent to 22 per cent, review of 111 master plans has been taken up for review and for 24 towns, new master plans are being prepared. The Master Plan preparation work has been initiated.
- Planning permission has been accorded to 9,196 residential layouts. Planning permission has been given for construction of 2,785 buildings.
- Under single window portal, planning permission has been issued for 276 industrial buildings for applications received from MSME/Guidance Bureau.
- Layout applications, building applications and change of Land Use Applications are received and scrutinised through Online.
- All India Council for Technical Education has accorded approval of Bachelor of Planning Course (B.Plan) for the academic year 2022-2023 and classes started in Anna University. Rs.2 crore was released to Anna University in this regard by the Department.
- Rs.50 lakh has been disbursed from Mamallapuram Local Planning Authority Fund for skill development training to Assistant Directors and Planning Assistants of Town and Country Planning Department.
- Under the State Infrastructure and Amenities Fund, 41 projects at a cost of Rs.2,070.65 crore have been approved to GCC, DMA, CMWSSB, DTCP, CMDA, TNUHDB and Archaeology Department by the State Infrastructure and Amenities Promotion Committee and the Government has accorded administrative sanction for Rs.1,589.30 crore out of the sanctioned amount.
- Rs.3.10 crore was sanctioned from Trichy Local Planning Authority Fund for rehabilitation of approach road leading to Butterfly park in Kollidam Right Bank in Melur, Tiruchirappalli District.
- Rs.9.06 crore has been disbursed from Coimbatore Local Planning Authority Fund as land acquisition cost for Re-alignment of 40 feet road located at Avinasi road, opposite to National Model School in the Singanallur-Peelamedu route.
- Under the State Infrastructure and Amenities Fund, 4 projects at a cost of Rs.124.94 crore have been approved to Directorate of Municipal Administration, Directorate of Town and Country Planning, Transport Department by the State Infrastructure and Amenities Promotion Committee and the Government has accorded Administrative Sanction for Rs.580.56 crore for this.
- Appointment Orders have been issued to 27 newly recruited Assistant Directors through the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission.

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Co-operation

Hon'ble Minister for Co-operation

Thiru. KR. Periakaruppan

Co-operation

- Jewel loans upto 5 sovereigns availed from the Co-operative institutions to the tune of Rs.4,818.88 crore have been waived for 13,12,717 beneficiaries.
- The Government have ordered for waiver of loans to women self-help groups which are outstanding as on 31.03.2021 in Co-operative institutions to the tune of Rs. 2,755.99 crore. This will benefit 15,88,309 women members belonging to 1,17,617 women SHGs.

- Crop loan to the farmers who had repayed their crop loan on or before the due date. Crop loan to the extent of Rs.23,126.50 crore was disbursed to 31,53,351 farmers.
- loans for Under KCC scheme, Animal Husbandry and allied activities to the tune of Rs.1447.50 crore has been disbursed to 3,11,306 farmers.
- Credit limit for Self Help Group loan has been enhanced from Rs.12 lakh to Rs.20 lakh. Loans to the tune of Rs.2,275.27 crore was disbursed to 74,416 Self Help Groups.
- Loans to the tune of Rs.15.32 crore was disbursed to 7,889 Widows and Destitute women at 5% interest rate.
- With the aim to make differently-abled people self-reliant and to foster financial independence, loans to the tune of Rs.100.66 crore has been given to 21,720 people.
- To improve the economic conditions of women, loans to the tune of Rs.214.12 crore has been disbursed to 8,058 working women.
- To encourage women entrepreneurship, loans to the tune of Rs.129.37 crore has been disbursed to 20,910 Women Entrepreneurs.
- Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies are being transformed into Multi Service Centres with the financial assistance from the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) under Agricultural Infrastructure Fund (AIF). 2043 projects worth Rs.192.08 crore have been sanctioned by NABARD.
- Agricultural Commodities worth Rs.1,701.42 crore have been marketed by 113 Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies functioning in Tamil Nadu.
- Linking of Consumer Co-operatives with Marketing was made to the tune of Rs.172.12 crore by Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies.
- Through disbursement of Produce Pledge Loans worth Rs.157.26 crore and agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies

have issued Jewel Loans worth Rs.632.82 crore a business turnover to the tune of Rs.4,727.38 crore has been registered.

- Construction of new Auction yard and laying of approach Bridge for Auction yard in Namakkal Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies at an estimated cost of Rs.95 lakh under NADP scheme and is in use from March 2022.
- Crop Loan to the tune of Rs.259.24 crore by 25 Large Sized Multipurpose Co-operative Societies, Rs.18.45 crore worth Medium Term Loans and have been given Rs.97.65 crore Jewel Loans worth.
- Rs.14.91 crore worth controlled and Rs.8.71 crore worth Non controlled commodities have been marketed by Large Sized Multipurpose Co-operative Societies.Large Sized Multipurpose Co-operative Societies have sold Rs.18.52 crore worth Agricultural inputs.
- In order to plan the growth and development of Tribal people, 25 LAMP Societies, a State Level LAMPS Co-operative Federation as Apex Federation was formed.
- Through 70 new Co-operative Pharmacies, drugs worth Rs.14.88 crore have been sold.
- Through 380 Co-operative Pharmacies, medicines worth Rs.1,460.15 crore have been sold.
- Through the Tamil Nadu Consumer Co-operative Federation, centralized procurement of medicines has been started and, software has been started and developed to get the indent auto generated for every month based on the monthly sales and in checking the expiry date of drugs.
- Sale of branded drugs and branded generic medicines are done in all 380 Co-operative Medical Shops.
- Tamil Nadu Consumers Co-operative Federation has sold Medicines to the value of Rs.3.48 crore through Centralized Procurement of Medicines.
- Through the Consumer Co-operatives took the market intervention activity and sold 276 MT of tomatoes and 1100 MT of vegetables for a value of Rs.4 crore, which is lesser than costs at the 77 open market.
- Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu's breakfast scheme to provide nutritious meals to Government Primary School Children studying from 1 to 5, classes Rava, Samba rava and Semiya are being provided through Co-operative Fair Price Shops.
- Sale of 2kg and 5kg FTL LPG through co-operative Societies Street Vendors and Migrant Labourers are mainly benefited by this scheme as address proof is not a mandatory requirement.
- Palm Jaggery worth Rs. 13.91 lakh procured by Khadi and Village Industries Board was sold through Fair Price Shops run by the Co-operative Societies.
- The Minor Millets such as Ragi, Kambu, Thinai, Kuthiraivali, Saamai and Varagu procured by the Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) are sold through select Fair Price Shops/Retail Outlets run by Co-operatives/ Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation in Chennai and Coimbatore cities on a pilot basis. Rs.16.09 lakh worth of Minor Millets have been sold through the Fair Price Shops.
- ISO:9001 certification has been obtained for 3,753 Fair Price Shops and ISO:28000 certification has been obtained for 12 Fair Price Shops. 2019 shops have obtained both ISO:9901 and ISO:28000 certifications.
- Action is being taken to enhance the ambience of 75 Fair Price Shops in each district. So far, 3,572 Fair Price Shops have been renovated.

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Distribution of welfare assistance to Differently- abled persons and interacts with them at Uthagamandalam Government Arts College ground on 21.05.2022.

Planting tree saplings at the DGP Office Complex on 22.09.2022.

Rural Industries including Cottage Industries, Small Industries, Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board

Hon'ble Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

Thiru. T.M.Anbarasan

- To overcome the effects of COVID-19 pandemic, Government sanctioned a record high amount of Rs.602.52 crore as State Capital Subsidy to 5,461 Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises for rejuvenating the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises sector.
- Tamil Nadu has become the first state in India to have its own general Credit Guarantee programme named as Tamil Nadu Credit Guarantee Scheme (TNCGS).
- Under New Entrepreneur cum Enterprise Development Scheme (NEEDS), 1,868 projects with subsidy component of Rs.332.23 crore have been offered final sanctions by financial institutions. An amount of Rs.216.67 crore has been disbursed towards individual based subsidy and Rs.20.64 crore has been disbursed towards interest subvention.

- Under Unemployed Youth Employment Generation Programme (UYEGP), 6763 beneficiaries have been disbursed subsidy of Rs.66.18 crore.

- Under Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme, an amount of Rs.172.84 crore has been claimed towards margin money assistance to 6,903 beneficiaries.

- Under the State sponsored scheme for Micro Cluster Development Programme (MCDP), Rs. 50 crore has been allocated and approval was given for 25 Micro Clusters during 2022-2023. During 2023-2024, Rs.75 crore have been allocated under MCDP.

- Action is being taken to develop infrastructure facilities at Arignar Anna Co-operative Industrial Estate in Kittampalayam Village, Coimbatore District to an extent of 316.04 acre at a project cost of Rs. 24.61 crore with Government of Tamil Nadu grant assistance of Rs.10 crore. Steps are being taken to undertake development work.

- By considering COVID-19 pandemic situation, TANSIDCO has given time extension of six months for the payment of land cost, installment due and rent for its allottees. A sum of Rs.15.76 lakh have been reimbursed to 47 MSEs for Stamp duty charges.

- As an Information Technology initiative, a single window portal (www.tnswp.com) has been developed to file and track all applications online. Out of 18,014 applications received on the portal, 15,468 applications have been disposed.

- To address the issue of delayed payments of MSMEs, TN TReDS platform is developed to enable MSMEs to obtain a faster bill discounting against Government and PSU procurement in the State. 87 Government of Tamil Nadu entities onboarded TN TREDS and discounted invoices worth Rs.200 crore in 2022-2023 to benefit their MSME suppliers.

- TANSIDCO allotted 980 Industrial Plots and 35 Modules at a cost of Rs.310.30 crore to entrepreneurs.

- Tamil Nadu is maintaining first place in implementation of MSE-CDP Scheme of Union Government, for the establishment of Common Facility Centre. Rs. 21 crore subsidy has been obtained for this financial year.
- The Government of Tamil Nadu approved the project for establishment of Mega Clusters such as Precision Engineering cluster at Industrial Estate Thirumudivakkam and Pharma Cluster at SIPCOT Industrial Complex, Tindivanam at a project cost of Rs.202.63 crore.
- TANSIDCO formed New Industrial Estates for MSMEs in 5 Districts with 549 Industrial Plots in 186.04 acres.
- Construction of 4 New Industrial Estates in 4 Districts in 394 acres at a project cost of Rs.218 crore.
- In some of the Industrial Estates managed by TANSIDCO, 1,341 industrial plots (371 acres) were not sold due to high plot cost. In order to address the issue, as a new initiative, Government issued revised pricing policy. Based on the revised pricing policy, plot cost in many Industrial Estates have been reduced up to 5% to 75%. This will benefit MSMEs.
- Based on the approval obtained from the Empowered Committee Meetings, orders have been issued for change of classification of 1,542.24 acre Government Poramboke lands to Ryotwari Manai in 32 Industrial Estates.
- Construction of workers hostel is under progress at SIDCO Industrial Estate, Ambattur at a project cost of Rs.29.47 crore to accommodate 810 workers.
- Construction of workers hostel is under progress at SIDCO Industrial Estate, Kurichi, Coimbatore at a project cost of Rs.22 crore to accommodate 510 workers.
- Under the scheme of establishment of Common Production Infrastructure with Government assistance of Rs.2.5 crore for each of the projects and sanction orders issued for establishment of the Mould Cluster in Vellalur, Coimbatore District at a project cost of Rs.4.76 crore, Engineering cluster in Madhukarai, Coimbatore District at a project cost of Rs.4.44 crore and Safety Match cluster in Gudiyatham, Vellore District at a project cost of Rs.3.61 crore.
- Under the flagship TANSEED grant for early-stage Startups, Rs. 2 crore has been given to 40 Startups.
- Under Innovation Voucher Programme, 434 Innovators have been benefitted with an amount of Rs.11.70 crore.
- 19,837 aspiring and existing entrepreneurs benefited through various training programmes in four phases.
- LTPT Subsidy of Rs.16.98 crore have been disbursed to 1,862 MSMEs.
- To encourage formal employment in the MSME sector, Payroll subsidy of Rs.177.80 lakh have been disbursed to 83 Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.
- Back-ended interest subsidy of Rs.4.77 crore have been disbursed to 1,469 enterprises.
- A sum of Rs.5.04 crore have been disbursed to 582 MSMEs under PEACE scheme.
- A sum of Rs.2.98 crore have been disbursed to 337 MSMEs towards acquiring Quality Certifications.

- A sum of Rs.81.16 lakh have been disbursed to four SME for the expenses incurred for fund Raising from capital markets.
- A sum of Rs.22.21 lakh have been reimbursed to 96 Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises towards Patent and Trade Mark registration.
- Under MSME Skill Training and Employment Scheme, 22,364 candidates are enrolled and undergoing training in the 417 Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises.
- 117 Micro and Small Enterprises Facilitation Councils (MSEFC) sittings were conducted and an amount of Rs. 184.65 crore has been realized by 1,011 Micro and Small Enterprises.
- Under RIDF Phase I, Modernization of 5 Industrial Co-operative Tea factories at the Nilgiris District for an amount of Rs.17.68 crore.
- Under RIDF Phase II, Modernization of 10 Industrial Co-operative Tea factories at the NilgirisDistrict for an amount of Rs.50.06 crore.
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation (TIIC) and TAICO Bank to provide working capital.
- Silver anklet cluster at Ariya Goundapatti, Salem in 1.20 acre land at a project cost of Rs.25 crore for construction of Multi-storied Industrial Complex for the benefit of silver anklet manufacturing units.
- Three regional hubs of TANSIM in Erode, Madurai and Tirunelveli in addition to the Chennai metro hub connected 15,751 persons.
- Tamil Nadu Incubator Maturity Model framework to categorize Business Incubators and handhold them to enable them to nurture Startups better with higher success rates.
- 37 Startup TN Community Circles have been formed involving all the Stakeholders.
- “Online e-Commerce Portal” for easy access of TANSI products by common people.

Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board

- Sanction of the Union Government has been obtained to construct 5,430 houses at a cost of Rs.176.09 crore. The works orders for the construction of 2,882 houses have been

issued and the works are in progress. The works for the construction of 4,932 tenements have been completed. TNUHDB has spent Rs.1,225.54 crore as capital expenditure for these two housing programmes.

- Sanction of the Union Government has been obtained to construct 60,827 houses in 1,123 projects at a cost of Rs.1,995.78 crore. The works for the construction of 66,088 houses have been completed and the works for the construction of 1,03,043 houses are in progress.

- Sanction of the Union Government has been obtained to construct 16,173 tenements in 38 projects at a cost of Rs.2,293.83 crore. The works for the construction of 11,055 tenements have been completed and 95,336 tenements are under various stages of progress.

- TNUHDB spent Rs.3477.40 crore as capital expenditure for the housing programmes.

- For the "Affordable Housing in Partnership" scheme programme to construct 6,000 Resilient Sustainable tenements at a cost of Rs.1,591 crore with Asian Development Bank assistance for the urban poor families living on the water courses, outside Chennai. The Government will provide Rs.481 crore for this programme. The works for the construction of 876 houses have been commenced under this programme and the works for the remaining tenements will be commenced shortly.

- The list of 42 schemes to reconstruct 13,745 new tenements in the same locations has been finalized. Under this programme, the demolition of 2,218 dilapidated tenements in 3 schemes have been completed, demolition works are in progress in 6 schemes comprising of 1,688 tenements.

- Repairs and Renewal works are to be done for 77,390 tenements in 123 schemes at a cost of Rs.60.28 crore, to enhance the structural stability and longevity of the tenements constructed, out of which works have been completed in 77 schemes, and 18 schemes are in progress and Rs.28.07 crore spent.

- The refurbishment works for 65 schemes comprising of 26,483 tenements in Chennai and other towns at a cost of Rs.68.74 crore programmes. The works have been completed in 7 schemes, and are in progress in 20 schemes. The agencies have been fixed for 23 schemes and the works in the remaining schemes will be commenced shortly.

- The refurbishment works in 28 schemes have been finalised for 23,546 tenements, at a cost of Rs.79.15 crore.

- Works for upgradation of infrastructure in 6 tenement schemes of Chennai and other districts are to be done at a cost of Rs.364.80 crore.

- The proposal to upgrade the infrastructure in 14 tenement schemes of Chennai and Coimbatore at a cost of Rs.42.73 crore has been sanctioned under I & A Funds and works are in progress. Besides, the proposal to provide infrastructure at a cost of Rs.322.07 crore in Affordable Housing in Partnership scheme has been sanctioned under I & A Fund and works are in progress.

- The approval has been accorded for the works to provide basic infrastructure for 446 schemes at a cost of Rs.50 crore in the habitations where houses are constructed under BLC mode, and among them works in 277 schemes have been completed and under progress in 70 schemes. So far, Rs.26.83 crore has been spent for these works.

- The prevailing system of payment of beneficiary contribution upfront at the time of allotment of tenements has been dispensed with.

- The ex-gratia amount payable to the beneficiaries living in dilapidated tenements proposed for reconstruction has been increased from Rs.8,000 to Rs.24,000. Rs.10.61 crore has been disbursed to 6,352 families as exgratia.

- The allotment orders for the tenements are now being issued in the name of the woman member of the family.

- The allotment orders for 15,147 tenements have been issued.

- The Nam Kudiyiruppu - Nam Poruppu is the new programme announced by the Government to maintain the tenements to adequate level by the Residents Welfare Association with funding assistance from Government and this has made good progress.

- Under the Nam Kudiyiruppu - Nam Poruppu programme, 694 Residents Welfare Associations are to be formed.

- 630 RWA have been formed, 446 RWA have been registered and grant of Rs.1.52 crore has been released.

- The sale deeds issued for 1,929 tenements and 1,124 developed plots.

- As part of Community Development, Skill Training has been imparted to 1,737 persons. 240 persons have benefited through livelihood programmes and scholarship has been disbursed to 262 higher education students.

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Information & Publicity, Film Technology and Cinematograph Act, Newsprint Control, Stationery and Printing, Government Press

Hon’ble Minister for Information & Publicity

Thiru. M.P.Saminathan

Information And Public Relations Department

- The solatium to the legal heirs of the journalists who have died due to COVID-19 has been enhanced from Rs.5 lakh to Rs.10 lakh and 20 persons have benefitted.
- A special incentive of Rs.5,000 each has been provided to all the Journalists, Photographers and Cinematographers. 5,784 persons have benefitted at a cost of Rs.2.89 crore.
- The Journalist Family Benefit fund given to families of Journalists, who die while in service, from the Chief Minister’s Public Relief Fund, has been enhanced to Rs.5 lakh.

- A Social Media Wing has been newly formed for posting press releases, achievements and programmes of the Hon'ble Chief Minister on Social Media Platforms like Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and YouTube, so that news relating to the Hon'ble Chief Minister is taken to the public immediately.
- A Journalist Welfare Board has been formed and under the Journalists' Family Benefit Fund, relief assistance was given to the heirs of the 11 journalists who died in harness and monthly pensions were given to 45 retired journalists.
- Financial assistance of Rs.3 lakh each is provided to five selected young journalists to enable them to pursue higher education in the national level famous institutions of journalism.
- To present "Kalaignar Ezhuthukol Virudhu" and Rs. 5 lakh as a cash prize every year to a journalist who has contributed to the development of the downtrodden people and social upgradation through Journalism.

Government and Private Exhibitions

- The revenue earned by the Government through Government exhibitions was Rs.2.86 crore and through Private exhibitions was Rs.2.47 crore.

Film Technology

- A Lifetime Achievement Award in the name of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar is given to the Kalaignar Ninaivu Kalaithurai Vithagar Award for outstanding achievements in the Tamil film industry. A cash prize of Rs.10 lakh

will be presented to the awardee. Kalaignar Ninaivu Kalaithurai Vithagar Award 2022 was presented to Thiru. Aroordas.

❖ The name of "MGR Government Film and Television Institute" was changed to "Tamil Nadu Government MGR Film and Television Institute.

❖ Renovation work in the "Tamil Nadu Government MGR Film and Television Institute" at a cost of Rs.1.58 crore.

❖ To upgrade the Tamil Nadu Government MGR Film and Television Institute with modern technology on par with international standards, Rs.10 lakh has been allocated in the first phase.

❖ At the Tamil Nadu Government MGR Film and Television Institute, renovation of the shooting floor with air-conditioning facilities, repairing works at shooting complexes, installation of centralised air conditioners at the shooting floor, two new transformers and other electrical repair works have been done at a cost of Rs.5.09 crore.

Memorials

❖ Construction works of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar Memorial with pictorial representation at Arignar Anna Memorial Campus, Kamarajar Salai, Chennai, on an area of 2.21 acres, at a cost of Rs. 39 crore.

❖ Construction of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar Statue on premises of the Omandurar Government Estate, Anna Salai, Chennai at a cost of Rs. 1.70 crore.

❖ A statue of Annal Ambedkar was installed at Ambedkar Memorial at Raja Annamalai Puram, Chennai.

❖ Construction of Manimandapam at a cost of Rs.4 crore in Vazhuthareddy Village, Viluppuram District for the 21 martyrs who lost their lives in the struggle for social justice in 1987.

❖ Construction works of Arangam with a statue and a library for folklorist and acclaimed writer Ki. Rajanarayanan who popularized Karisal literature, has commenced in Kovilpatti at a cost of Rs. 1.51 crore.

❖ Renovation of the House in which Mahakavi Bharathiyar lived in Kashi, Uttar Pradesh at a cost of Rs.18 lakh.

- ❖ The foundation stone has been laid for the Rao Bahadur Cruz Fernandes Manimandapam in Thoothukudi District.
- ❖ Installation of a bust-size statue of V.O.Chidambaranar in Gandhi Mandapam premises, at a cost of Rs.42.43 lakh.
- ❖ Renovation of V.O.Chidambaranar Memorial House at Ottapidaram and works to set up sound and light show about the life history of V.O.C. at the V.O.Chidambaranar Manimandapam at Tirunelveli at a cost of Rs. 72.50 lakh.
- ❖ Setting up of full-size statue of V.O.Chidambaranar at VOC park in Coimbatore at a cost of Rs. 43.70 lakh.
- ❖ Setting up of a full-size statue of Veera Pandiya Kattabomman, at Gandhi Mandapam premises, Guindy, at a cost of Rs.18 lakh.
- ❖ Setting up of a full-size statue of the freedom fighters Maruthu Brothers, who ruled Sivagangai Seemai, at Gandhi Mandapam premises, Guindy, at a cost of Rs. 34 lakh.
- ❖ Statue for the Freedom Fighter Anjalai Ammal to be installed in Cuddalore.
- ❖ Installation of a statue for former President of India Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam at Anna University, Chennai at a cost of Rs.18.50 lakh.
- ❖ Installation of a statue for Nobel Prize Laureate Rabindranath Tagore at Queen Mary's College Campus, Chennai.
- ❖ Installation of a statue for Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar at Mayiladuthurai.
- ❖ Installation of a statue for Dr.Muthulakshmi Reddy on the premises of the Government Medical College, Pudukottai.
- ❖ To mark the 75 years of India's Independence, memorials of freedom fighters are to be renovated and works for setting up of sound and light shows depicting the glory, history and events of the Indian freedom struggle are to be done at 10 Memorials.
- ❖ Renovation of Gandhi Mandapam and Museum and Memorials of Perunthalaivar Kamarajar, Periyavar Bhakthavatchalam and Mootharignar Rajaji at Gandhi Mandapam premises, Guindy, at a cost of Rs.3.38 crore.
- ❖ Installation of a Statue at Udumalaipettai Municipality Office premises and for construction of an Arangam near

Thirumoorthy Dam for Thali Palayakarar Malaiyandi Venkidupathi Ethalappar Nayakar.

- Construction of a Memorial for those who died during Parambikulam Aliyar Project works in Pollachi and construction of a two-storeyed building with two Arangams to facilitate the conduct of training and seminars for the benefit of farmers, at a cost of Rs. 4 crore and to install statues for former MLA V.K. Palanisamy Gounder, Former Minister C.Subramaniyam and former MLA and Industrialist Pollachi Na. Mahalingam.
- Installation of a statue in Gandhi Mandapam, Chennai at a cost of Rs.17.50 lakh for Former Chief Minister of Madras Presidency Dr.Pa.Subbarayan, a Freedom fighter who toiled for Tamil language and Tamil people and also, construction of an Arangam in Namakkal District, at a cost of Rs. 2.60 crore.
- Installation of a statue and construction of an Arangam for the former Member of the Legislative Assembly and freedom fighter Thiru. Eswaran at Bhavani Sagar, Erode District at a cost of Rs. 2.60 crore.
- Installation of a statue and construction of an Arangam for Thiru A. Govindasamy, a former Minister at Vazhudhareddy Village, Viluppuram District at a cost of Rs. 2.60 crore.
- Installation of a bust size Bronze Statue for Navalar R.Nedunchezhian at the New State Guest House Campus, Chepauk, Chennai.
- Installation of a new statue for Freedom Fighter Veeran Sundaralingam at Veeran Sundaralingam Memorial, Governagiri, Thoothukudi District at a cost of Rs.48.66 crore.
- Rs.3 crore has been accorded for the installation of a statue and construction of an Arangam at Mayiladuthurai for Mayuram Muncif Vedha Nayagam Pillai, who wrote the first Tamil Novel.

Department of Stationery And Printing

- The stationery and Printing department is undertaking the printing and supply of all standardized forms, non-standardized forms, and registers for the use of Government Departments and also the procurement and supply of Stationery material for all Departments.
- Government of Tamil Nadu Gazettes, rule books and Compilation of Law Reports are being sold through the Government Publication Depots functioning at the Directorate and also at the Branch Presses functioning at Tiruchirappalli and Madurai.

Appointments

- Appointment on compassionate grounds for 6 persons in the Stationery and Printing Department.

Revenue Achievements

- In the competitive world of Science and Technology, the Department has earned a revenue of Rs.28.78 crore by way of Printing Answer Sheets for Universities, and by the execution of printing works for Government Departments and Government organizations, besides getting a revenue of Rs.2.37 crore through the change of name notifications, and by the sale of Government Publications. By this, the department has earned a total Revenue of Rs.31.15 crore for the Government.
- On par with the advancements in Private Printing Presses, adequate funds have been allotted for the procurement of Modern and Sophisticated machinery for the Department of Stationery & Printing every year, and

based on that, modern machines have been procured and installed in Government Presses and are now put to good use.

❖ A paper Bailing Machine has been procured for the use of Government Central Press, at a cost of Rs.5 lakh.

❖ Mini Lorry has been procured for Government Central Press, at a cost of Rs.18 lakh.

❖ For the first time, a quality control laboratory for the use of the Department of Stationery and Printing is to be established and the construction works are in progress.

❖ Four Colour Toner Digital production printers at a cost of Rs. 1.15 crore, 6 Black and White Inkjet Digital production printers at a cost of Rs.95.89 lakh, 2 Four Colour Inkjet production printers at a cost of Rs.59.35 lakh and plastic pallets at a cost of Rs.20.59 lakh have been procured.

❖ Construction of 96 tenements with modern facilities at the Government Press Quarters is to be undertaken by PWD, at a cost of Rs.34.54 crore.

❖ Rs.1.25 crore has been allotted to revamp the Government Stationery Office.

❖ Repairing and revamping of the damaged Government Branch Press Building at Salem, the building which houses the main printing press at Government Central Press, Chennai, Government Branch Press, Building at Trichy and Government Branch Press building at Madurai, and also the electrical maintenance work at Government Branch Press, Virudhachalam is to be done at a total cost of Rs.4.55 crore. In this the Building Maintenance works at the Government Branch Press, Virudhachalam have been fully completed at a cost of Rs.19.83 lakh. The repair/revamping works at Government Central Press, Chennai have been initiated and are in progress.

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Social Welfare including Women and Children Welfare, Orphanages and Correctional Administration, Integrated Child Development Scheme and Beggar Homes and Social Reforms & Nutritious Meal Programme

Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare & Women Empowerment

Tmt. P. Geetha Jeevan

- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, made an announcement "Uttachathai Urudi Sei" and accordingly, considering the nutritional status of children up to 6 years of age, a special nutrition program was sold for medical assistance and nutrition for children up to 6 years, and 37 lakh children have benefitted. Under the scheme "Ensure Nutrition" programme, 1,11,216 severely malnourished children between the ages group of 6 months and 6 years diagnosed by the RBSK Medical Team are given special nutrition (RUTF) for 8 weeks at a cost of Rs.18.68 crore.

- Government order has been issued to provide 2 Nutri kits to 11,917 mothers of severely malnourished children and 1 Nutri kit to the mothers of 16,415 moderately malnourished children aged birth to 6 months at the total cost of Rs.8.68 crores in order to improve their nutritional status and ensure that improve nutritive value of breast milk fed to children.
- Anganwadi centres are provided with medicine kits to treat minor ailments like fever, diarrhoea, injury, skin infection etc. Also, hygiene kits are being provided in Anganwadi centers to encourage hygiene habits among children and keep them clean and hygienic. A total sum of Rs. 779.54 lakh have been sanctioned.
- The quality of Sathu Maavu given to children has been changed as per Indian standard IS 11536:2022 and a new composition of Sathu Maavu is being provided to children from January 2023. The pregnant and lactating mothers are also provided sathu Maavu with the new composition from January 2023.
- Annual maintenance cost of Rs.3,000 per centre was sanctioned to 43,214 Anganwadi Centres Functioning in Government owned buildings at a total cost of Rs.12.96 crore.
- Government issued order to provide pre-school play materials at a cost of Rs.15.90 crore.
- Government issued order to provide uniform sarees with vest coat to all the Anganwadi workers/helpers at a cost of Rs. 8.44 crore
- The Samudaya Valaikappu function is organized for antenatal women to disseminate the importance of health and nutrition care during Pregnancy and post-delivery, benefiting 90,000 antenatal women.
- One day Orientation Programme for the newly elected representative / Panchayat Leaders is being conducted to sensitize them for working towards malnutrition Free Tamil Nadu, at the cost of Rs.3.5 crore.
- To create employment opportunities, 25% of the posts of Anganwadi Worker, Mini Worker and Anganwadi Helper have been reserved for widows and deserted women on a priority basis.
- The retirement age on super annuation for Anganwadi Helpers has been enhanced to 60 years.
- Qualified female legal heirs of mini Anganwadi Worker/Anganwadi Helpers who have deceased while in Anganwadi service are appointed as Anganwadi worker on compassionate grounds.
- The Mini Anganwadi Worker who has successfully completed 5 years of service is promoted as Main Anganwadi Worker.
- Rs.7.76 crore had been sanctioned for the provision of electricity facilities to 7,757 Anganwadi centres at the rate of Rs.10,000 per Anganwadi centre.
- Rs.18.17 crore has been sanctioned to enhance the rent of Anganwadi centres for 7,228 ICDS centres that are functioning in rental buildings.
- In 25 Districts two sets of free colour uniform dresses were provided to 2 to 6 years preschool children attending Anganwadi centres at a total cost of Rs.23.91 crore.

- During the year 2022-2023, two set of free colour uniform dresses has been provided to 1,58,063 pre-school children attending Anganwadi centres in seven districts at a total cost of Rs.3.72 crore.
- The Government introduced the State Level Regional Tender (4 Regions) System to procure Agmark quality eggs for the beneficiaries under Nutritious Meal Programme. Approximately 60 lakh children are benefiting from this scheme every day.
- Provision of one egg, once in a week to the children in the age group of 1-2 years has been enhanced to 3 eggs per week from 01.11.2022.
- Early childhood care and Education training is given to all ICDS functionaries at State, District and block level in a cascade with a focus on developing Do it yourself, eco-friendly, nontoxic toy workshops in line with “Aadipaadi villaiyadu papa” State curriculum of ICDS. This is the novel method to promote indigenous toys for learning among children attending Anganwadi centre.
- Learning through play a care givers pictorial manual containing Early stimulation activities are given to 9,79,902 parents and caregivers of 0-3 year children attending. Anganwadi centres with counselling to practice at home for promoting all round development of the children
- The self-Monitoring Tool on IYCF practices to mothers and Caregivers of 0-2 year children in 27 districts, has been supplied at a cost of Rs.1.30 crore for improving the child nutrition of the community.
- In the selected 20 Districts where the incidence of Anemia among children below 6 years is above the State average, intensive Anemia Awareness Campaign was conducted for 3 months at a cost of Rs.4.75 crore.
- In order to create awareness and to ensure the reach of services to the beneficiaries viz., Antenatal women, post natal mothers, and parents of children under 5, a Beneficiary Support centre is being setup at a cost of Rs.1.5 crore.

- In order to monitor the low birth weight babies, 1,000 smart ICT based weighing scale which will be connected to an application have been provided to all 434 projects at a cost of Rs.85 lakh.
- In order to ensure higher education to the girls belonging to economically backward families Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Higher Education Assurance Puthumai Penn Thittam is being implemented from August 2022. All girl students who studied from class 6 to 12 in Government schools will be paid Rs.1,000 per month directly into their account, till their uninterrupted continuance of higher education. Under this scheme, 2.02 lakh girl students per month have benefited at a cost of Rs.103.29 crore.
- Under Marriage Assistance Scheme, Rs.762.22 crore has been allocated during the year 2021-2022 for providing 8 grams of 22 carat of Gold coin worth Rs.379 crore and financial assistance worth Rs.383 crore for the benefit of 94,700 beneficiaries which includes 53,599 graduates and 41,101 non graduates.
- For the year 2022-2023, there are four Marriage Assistance Schemes to assist the poor Widow Women for their daughter's Marriage, orphan girl marriage, Widow remarriage and Inter Caste Marriage for the marginalized and Reformatory measures for which Rs.64.39 crore has been allotted and 7,012 beneficiaries have benefitted.
- All Women to travel in town buses with cost free tickets from 12.07.2021 to 22.03.2023, 256.16 crore trips have been availed by women with expenditure of Rs.4,098.56 crore.
- From 12.07.2021 to 14.03.2023, 14.63 lakh trips have been availed by the Transgender with expenditure of Rs.234.08 lakh.
- Under the Covid-19 relief fund for transgenders, Rs.3.40 crore has been distributed to all districts in two phases, 8,493 transgender in the first phase and 8,591 transgenders in second phase have benefitted by getting Rs.2,000 each.
- The financial assistance of Rs.1,000 is given as a monthly pension for the destitute Transgender above 40 years, and 1,178 destitute Transgender have benefitted. The monthly pension to transgenders has been enhanced Rs.1,000 to Rs.1,500.
- Under the Transgender Self-Employment Grant Scheme, Rs.2 crore has been sanctioned and 403 transgender people benefitted by starting their business. In the year 2022-2023 Rs. One crore has been sanctioned and 205 transgender have benefitted under this scheme.
- 20 Transgender persons were given the personal skill development training at the Anna Administrative Staff College to improve their lives and livelihoods. 15 Transgender persons were provided fashion designing training in Namakkal District. Thirty Transgenders were trained in Pappad, Pickles & Masala Powder making in Thanjavur District. In Thoothukudi District, 30 Transgenders were trained in Driving skill training.
- Out of 38 Districts, 21 Government Working Women Hostels are functioning.

- Government Hostels are being constructed at three places in Trichy, Guduvanchery and Tambaram to benefit 729 working women at a cost of Rs 31.07 crore.
- In Phase 2, new hostels are to be constructed at 4 locations namely Hosur, Tiruvannamalai, St. Thomas Mount (Chengalpattu) and Krishnagiri (Kothapetta) to benefit 542 working women at a cost of Rs.43.52 crore.
- Renovation and upgrading of existing hostels at 8 locations namely Salem, Thanjavur, Perambalur, Vellore, Viluppuram, Tirunelveli, Adyar and Vadapalani in Chennai at a total project cost of Rs.4.21 crore is under process. These hostels when functional will have enhanced amenities like CCTV, internet equipped rooms, inverter, geyser and 24×7 security services.
- Rs.2.06 crore was released to old age homes in which 1,428 elders were benefitted.
- Rs.5.96 crore were released to integrated complex for senior citizens and destitute children benefitting 2,021 elders and 1,860 Children.
- June 15 was commemorated as Elders abuse awareness day in which Rs.4 lakh was utilized to create awareness.
- International Day for older persons was celebrated at the State and District level with an expenditure of Rs.5.23 lakh.
- The draft state policy on senior citizens is to be published.
- Under National Action Plan for Senior citizens, Rs.1.18 crore has been sanctioned.
- In the year 2021-2022, Under Chief Minister's Girl Child Protection Scheme, Rs.143.11 crore have been deposited to 57,291 beneficiaries.
- In the year 2021-2022, Under Chief Minister's Girl Child protection Scheme a maturity amount of Rs.217.76 crore have been disbursed to 87,904 beneficiaries.
- Under Cradle Baby Scheme, in the last two years, 604 babies have been rescued have 5,678 Child Marriages have been stopped from 2021 to March 2023.
- Retirement age of Cook and Assistant Cooks working under NMP Centers has been increased from 58 to 60 years.
- Steps have been taken to issue ISO certification to the 100 noon meal centres to ensure the quality.
- When schools reopened after a long time due to Corona pandemic, the Nutritional status of 46, 70,458 children who are benefitting under Mid Day meal scheme in Govt./Govt. Aided Schools have been assessed by using BMI Rs.2 crore has been sanctioned for implementing the programme.
- Construction of Kitchen cum Store in 1,291 Nutritious Meal Centers at a total cost of Rs.69.70 crore is in progress. 931 works have been completed.
- 1,000 Noon Meal Centres have been identified and the process of installation of water purifier has been completed at a total expenditure of Rs.80 lakh to ensure safe drinking water.

- In order to cook the meals hygienically, all the Nutritious meal cook / cook assistants have been provided hygiene kit to 25,000 Noon Meal centres with 2 aprons, 1 head cap, 1 nail cutter, 5 hand towels, 6 antiseptic soaps with a total cost of Rs.1.62 crore.
- Under the Chief Minister's Breakfast scheme, 1,54,170 primary school students are getting benefited covering 1,969 schools. Rs.33.65 crore was allotted to execute the scheme successfully.
- The Chief Minister's Breakfast scheme was launched by Our Hon'ble Chief Minister on 15.09.2022 in Madurai and simultaneously in other districts by the Ministers, District Collectors and local elected representatives on 16.09.2022. In the second phase, this scheme was expanded to 434 Government schools on 28.02.2023.
- In addition, the scheme is proposed to be expanded to all the Government Primary School students and the additional fund of Rs.500.49 crore has been allotted.
- Rs.5 lakh per child is deposited in the name of the child who lost both parents either due to Covid-19 or one parent deceased earlier and another parent due to Covid-19 and the deposited amount will be paid to the child with accrued interest when he/she completes 18 years of age. 379 Children were benefitted at a cost of Rs.18.95 crore.
- Rs.3 lakh has been given to the surviving father or mother of the child who had lost either father or mother due to Covid-19 as immediate relief. 13,291 Children benefitted at a cost of Rs.398.73 crore.
- A maintenance grant of Rs.3,000 per month has been given for a child who had lost

both parents and living with his relative/ guardian without being admitted in any registered Child Care Institutions or Government hostels. 365 Children were benefitted at a cost of Rs.161.07 lakh.

- The Government issued orders for the creation of the “Tamil Nadu Child Victim Compensation Fund” and guidelines for the rehabilitation of the children who are victims affected under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO)-2012, the Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs. 18.42 crore to provide compensation to 1,263 Children.
- To encourage alternative care to children in families instead of placing children under institutional care, the financial assistance from State fund of Rs.2,000 per child every month for 3 years is being given for 2,260 children under the Sponsorship Scheme at a cost of Rs.4.01 crore.
- Establishment of “Integrated Training Centre for Social Empowerment” in association with UNICEF for the first time, to provide training to Stakeholders related to the Child Protection Services.
- The Government has issued the “Tamil Nadu State Child Protection Policy 2021” for the overall well-being of children.
- Establishment of De-addiction Centres at Chennai and Tirunelveli to control the habit of consuming drugs among the children of these Districts at a cost of Rs.21.54 lakh. So far, 164 children have benefitted.
- The Government has issued orders to create District Child Protection Units, Juvenile Justice Board and Child Welfare Committee in the six newly created Districts.
- Construction of New Building for “Place of Safety” in Chengalpattu District at a cost of Rs.15.95 crore.
- Establishment of additional District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) in Chennai District at a cost of Rs.68.53 lakh.
- Establishment of Career Guidance Centre for the Children of Child Care Institutions (CCIs) in 6 Districts where more number of Child Care Institutions located in the state at a cost of Rs.48.24 lakh.
- Government issued Order for Providing 270 days Leave for child maintenance to woman who gives birth to the child through surrogacy mother.
- Government have accorded Rs.63,52,175 for providing additional safety compound wall arrangement for Observation Home in the Government Children Home campus at Thanjavur.

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Providing bicycles at no cost to school students - 13.08.2022

Hon’ble Chief Minister conducted a mass wedding including 54 differently-abled persons and blessed them - 20.11.2022

Fisheries, Fisheries Development Corporation and Animal Husbandry

Hon’ble Minister for Fisheries – Fishermen Welfare and Animal Husbandry

Thiru. Anitha R. Radhakrishnan

Animal Husbandry Department

- Through the Veterinary Institutions functioning all over the State 6.54 crore treatments, 38.31 lakh first aid, 6.85 crore vaccinations, 6.85 crore deworming and 85.73 lakh artificial inseminations were carried out.
- 125 demonstrative silage units were established in the farmers field at an outlay of Rs. 1.17 crore in the rainfed areas for promoting farmers to produce silage by themselves by preserving the seasonal surplus green fodder and assuring the availability of green fodder during lean period to feed their cattle.
- To establish commercial silage bale making units, 25 per cent subsidy of Rs.10.50 lakh per unit is

provided as back end for the purchase of the requisite machineries.

- In order to bring more area under fodder cultivation through intercropping in orchards/ Plantations, a pilot scheme covering an area of 2,000 acres in all Districts except Chennai, The Nilgiris and Nagapattinam is being implemented by providing an incentive of Rs.3,000 per acre for intercropping with perennial fodder grasses/cereals in orchards/ Plantations.
- To improve fodder production 42.10 lakh fodder slips have been produced in the Department farms and distributed to the farmers.
- 818 lambs, 609 kids of genetically proven breeds, 1330 piglets and 106 calves are being sold to the cattle breeders for the benefit of the farmers through livestock farms.
- 90.29 lakh of frozen semen straws have been produced and used all over Tamil Nadu.
- 1,672 Mecheri lambs were supplied to livestock breeders to improve their livestock.
- 1,55,474 livestock were treated at their location by the Mobile Veterinary Ambulance Service.
- Constructions of new buildings for 227 Veterinary Institutions under Nabard Assistance is carried out with an outlay of Rs 125.76 crore. New buildings for 10 Field Monitoring units at an outlay of Rs.14.64 crore are under progress under State fund.
- New buildings for 4 Integrated Regional Joint Directors office and 1 Veterinary Poly Clinic buildings at a cost of Rs.12 crore under NADP scheme are under progress.
- Till date, about 57,89,600 Livestock in Tamil Nadu have been vaccinated against Anthrax, Haemorrhagic septicemia, Black Quarter and Sheep pox diseases under the ASCAD scheme.
- Under Specialized Veterinary Care and Awareness camps, Rs.15.52 crore, has been sanctioned and 11,900 camps were conducted and 1.29 crore livestock / poultry reared by 13.22 lakh farmers were benefitted.
- During the 2nd round of Vaccination under NADCP, a total of 86.33 lakh eligible bovines were vaccinated against FMD.
- Under the National Agricultural Development Program, 1,981 beneficiaries in 37 Districts have been provided with 500/1000 day old Native chicks, feed for one month and incubator at 50 per cent subsidy and the scheme is being implemented.
- In Villupuram and Theni Districts, work is under progress to set up the broiler farms at a cost of Rs.2.25 crore to benefit 200 beneficiaries in each District.
- In Pudukottai and Virudhunagar Districts, Poultry farms with low investment technology are being set up at a cost of Rs. One crore benefitting 200 beneficiaries in each District.
- Procurement of surgical instruments and equipment is being carried out for setting up operating theatres in 32 veterinary hospitals at a cost of Rs. 3.02 crore.
- Livestock Insurance Scheme under National Livestock Mission is implemented in all Districts by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Tamil Nadu Milk Producers Co-operative Union. 2.50 lakh Livestock

Units (cow, buffalo, sheep, goat and pig) were insured at a cost of Rs.11.50 crore.

- Through Embryo Transfer and in-vitro Fertilization Technology at District Livestock Farm, Hosur, 689 embryos have been collected, 448 embryos have been transferred, 53 calves have been produced and 221 embryos have been stored.
- Under the Nationwide Artificial Insemination Program (Phase-II), frozen semen of high yielding bulls were utilised to inseminate 6.67 lakh cows and buffaloes of 7.68 lakh cattle breeders.
- Under the National Artificial Insemination Program (Phase-III), frozen semen of high yielding bulls were utilised to inseminate 13.66 lakh cows and buffaloes of 9.55 lakh cattle breeders.
- 38,800 Widows / Destitute / Deserted poor Women in rural areas were distributed with 1,94,000 goats / sheep at 5 goats / sheep per beneficiary at a total cost of Rs.75.63 crore.
- World Bank funded Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agricultural Modernization Project was implemented by Department of Animal Husbandry in 4 phases in 52 sub-irrigated areas and 1,40,005 number of door step artificial insemination, 3,238 insemination with sex-sorted semen and 12,554 insemination with genomic semen were carried out. 12,348 calves were dewormed and 15,486 calves were given mineralized salt licks. 18,497 cattle were provided Mastitis prevention kit and 4,518 cattle were treated for Mastitis. 2,205 Infertility cum Health Care Camps were conducted and 22,005 programmed breeding were carried out. 1,755 ha area was brought under Fodder crop cultivation.
- 17 Office Assistant, 5 Junior Assistant, 4 Record Clerks, 1 Animal Husbandry Assistant and 5 Night Watchmen were appointed under compassionate ground.

- 1,089 Veterinary Assistant Surgeons are appointed through Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission.
- Through the Veterinary Institutions functioning all over the State 1.03 crore treatments, 6.82 lakh first aid, 153.70 lakh vaccinations, 1.01 crore deworming and 13.23 lakh artificial inseminations were carried out .
- To establish commercial silage bale making units, 25 per cent subsidy of Rs.10.50 lakh per unit is provided as back ended for the purchase of the requisite machineries to one beneficiary each in Coimbatore, Salem, Tirunelveli and Tiruvannamalai Districts .
- In order to bring more area under fodder cultivation through intercropping in orchards/ Plantations, a pilot scheme covering an area of 2,000 acres in all Districts except Chennai, The Nilgiris and Nagapattinam is being implemented by providing an incentive of Rs.3,000 per acre for intercropping with perennial fodder grasses/cereals in orchards/ Plantations. So far fodder crop has been cultivated in 1,955 acres benefiting 2,756 farmers.
- To improve fodder production 5.55 lakh fodder slips have been produced in the Department farms and distributed to the farmers.
- 286 lambs, 272 kids of genetically proven breeds, 250 piglets and 31 calves are being sold to the cattle breeders for the benefit of the farmers through livestock farms.
- 15,22,477 of frozen semen straws have been produced and used all over Tamil Nadu.
- 482 Mecheri lambs were supplied to livestock breeders to improve their livestock.
- 31,664 livestock were treated at their location by the Mobile Veterinary Ambulance Service.
- During the 3rd round of Vaccination under National Animal Disease Control Program (NADCP), a total of 78.67 lakh eligible bovines were vaccinated against Foot and Mouth Disease.
- Under the National Animal Disease Control Program 6.14 lakh eligible heifer calves aged 4 to 8 years have been vaccinated against Brucellosis.
- About 27,77,900 Livestock in Tamil Nadu have been vaccinated against Anthrax, Haemorrhagic septicemia, Black Quarter and Sheep pox diseases under the ASCAD scheme.
- Under Specialized Veterinary Care and Awareness camps, 3,452 camps were conducted and 33.07 lakh livestock / poultry reared by 4.30 lakh farmers were benefitted.
- To encourage entrepreneurs in Native Chicken rearing, 100 small scale (250 birds / unit) native chicken poultry units are being established at 50 % subsidy in 10 Districts viz., Ariyalur, Cuddalore, Perambalur, Ramanathapuram, Sivagangai, Tirunelveli, Tenkasi, Thoothukudi, Theni and Virudhunagar during current year at a total cost of Rs.1.80 crore.
- A Native Chicken Breeding Complex and Hatchery Unit is being established at the District Livestock Farm Abhishegapatti in Tirunelveli District under National Agriculture Development Programme with financial assistance from Union and State Governments in the ratio of 60:40 at a total cost of Rs.9.42 crore and the construction works are under progress.

- A Native Chicken Breeding Complex and Hatchery Unit is being established at the District Livestock Farm Chettinad in Sivagangai District during current year under State Fund at a total cost of Rs.13.81 crore and the construction works are under progress.

- Under the National Agricultural Development Program - Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana 2021 - 2022, 362 Rabies Vaccination Camps were conducted and 47,784 dogs were vaccinated against Rabies. Also 56,440 school and college students were given awareness campaign in the above camps.

- Under the "Vallalar Palluyir Kaapagangal" scheme by the Tamil Nadu Animal Welfare Board, on the occasion of Thiruvalluvar Day on 16.01.2023, out of Rs.2.14 crore allocated for providing food, medical facility, ambulance and infrastructure facilities, the first installment of Rs.88.05 lakh was given to 5 NGOs / Animal Welfare Organisations by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

- 157 Animal Husbandry Assistant were appointed.

- 20 Veterinary Assistant Surgeons were appointed through Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission.

Tamil Nadu Veterinary And Animal Sciences University

- TANUVAS ranked First among State Veterinary Universities in India and 12th among all the Agricultural Universities in the ICAR-ranking list 2020 released by the Ministry for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Union Government on 06.12.2021.

- TANUVAS utilizing the laboratory facilities available at Translational Research Platform for Veterinary Biologicals (TRPVB), launched the doorstep diagnostic service for detection of haemoprotozoan parasites in canines through M/s. Illume Gene India LLP, a start-up company and incubatee of the Veterinary Incubation Foundation at TANUVAS.

- The foundation stone laid for the Establishment of additional academic blocks and additional hostel blocks at VC&RI, Tirunelveli.

- TANUVAS is implementing the following new projects announced during the budget session 2021-2022 by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

- Establishment of fodder seed production unit for sustainable livestock production under North Western Zone of Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs. 1.49 crore at VC&RI, Namakkal.

- Establishment of Trichy Black Sheep Research Centre at Dharmapuri District at a cost of Rs.1.80 crore.

- Establishment of Resource Centre for indigenous Siruvidai chicken of Tamil Nadu at Poultry Research Station, Madhavaram, Chennai at a cost of Rs.1.52 crore.

- Establishment of Resource Centre for Pattanam sheep at VC&RI, Orathanadu at a cost of Rs.1.97 crore.

- Modernisation of University Innovation and Instrumentation Centre at University Research Farm, TANUVAS, Madhavaram, Chennai at a cost of Rs.2.50 crore.

- Establishment of Zoonoses Research Laboratory cum One Health Interface Platform for Southern Districts of Tamil Nadu at VC&RI, Tirunelveli at a cost of Rs.1.61 crore.

- To conserve the Salem black goats under the National Agricultural Development programme, five new buildings have been constructed at Veterinary College and Research Institute, Namakkal, at a total cost of Rs.1.15 crore.
- Under the National Programme on Bovine Breeding has sanctioned the following new projects at a cost of Rs.551.40 lakh for implementation at TANUVAS.
- Establishment of indigenous cattle unit for propagation of indigenous cattle farming.
- Tribal community participatory breeding approach for the endangered Toda Buffalo in the Nilgiris hills for its sustainability.
- TANUVAS is implementing the following five new projects announced during the budget session 2022-2023 by the Government of Tamil Nadu to the total tune of Rs.548.97 lakh.
- Establishment of backyard poultry research and development centre at Karur District at VUTRC, Karur.
- Conservation of Umblachery breed through multi-disciplinary approach in the breeding tracts of Tamil Nadu at VC&RI, Orathanadu.
- Regional centre for conservation of native dogs (Rajapalayam, Kanni, Chippiparai and Kombai) of Tamil Nadu at Tenkasi District.
- Pig breeding and input centre for rural development at PGRIAS, Kattupakkam.
- Establishment of conservation centre for Nattukuttai cattle at PGRIAS, Kattupakkam.
- TANUVAS conducted anti-rabies vaccination programme in its constituent units on 27.09.2022 and 28.09.2022 benefitting 4,388 dogs.
- My Library on Fingertip Application (MyLOFT App), a Mobile Web app was launched for the benefit of students, research scholars, faculty and scientists of TANUVAS.
- International Veterinary Vaccinology Network, UK sponsored online workshop on “Marek’s disease of chicken - Global discussion on control strategies for local mitigation” was organized at Veterinary College and Research Institute, Namakkal. A total of 120 participants from different parts of the globe attended the programme.
- The International Conference on “Innovations in food and beverage technology for sustainable future” at Madras Veterinary College in hybrid mode. A total of 92 faculty members and 620 students participated in person and online.
- The Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the following new buildings constructed at a cost of Rs.189.49 crore with the financial support of Government of Tamil Nadu in the constituent colleges of Tamil Nadu Veterinary Science University through video conferencing at the Secretariat on 09.03.2023.
    - New buildings inclusive of academic blocks at a cost of Rs.82.13 crore in Veterinary College and Research Institute, Theni.
    - New buildings including academic blocks at a cost of Rs.82.13 crore in Veterinary College and Research Institute, Udumalpet.
    - New buildings inclusive of veterinary herbal medicine training center and zoonotic disease laboratory constructed at a cost of Rs.11.94 crores at Veterinary College and Research Institute, Orathanadu.

- Additional hostel facility for boys and girl students at a cost of Rs.7.14 crore at Veterinary College and Research Institute, Tirunelveli.
- AA regional referral hospital with modern facilities for the development of rural cattle farmers at a cost of Rs.4.15 crore at Veterinary College and Research Institute, Namakkal.
- A carcass utilization plant with a budget of Rs.2 crore under National Livestock Mission at Madhavaram, Chennai.

Transfer of Technology

❖ Three viral vaccines namely 'Inactivated classical swine fever vaccine', 'Live attenuated classical swine fever vaccine' and 'Inactivated Porcine Circovirus 2 vaccine' developed by the faculty members of TANUVAS were transferred to M/s Biovet Private Limited by executing a Memorandum of Understanding.

❖ Technology on Vero cell adapted Lumpy skin disease virus strain developed by the faculty members of TANUVAS was transferred to M/s Biovet Private Limited by executing a Memorandum of Understanding.

Memorandum of Understandings

❖ A Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was executed among TANUVAS, Tirumala Milk Products Private Limited, Chennai and ASSIST Development Solutions, Chennai with an objective to promote and accelerate the education of dairy farmers in sustainable dairy management practices through trainings and awareness programmes.

❖ To encourage more biotechnology start-ups, TANUVAS has signed MoU with TICEL Bio Park of Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO) in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

❖ The existing Memorandum of Understanding between TANUVAS and Oklahoma State University, USA was renewed for a further period of five years.

❖ Memorandum of Understanding was signed by TANUVAS, Chennai with the Agri-Business Incubator of the ICAR, Central Tuber Crops Research Institute, Thiruvananthapuram to create a Satellite Incubation Centre in the Industrial tapioca areas of Viluppuram and Namakkal Districts to address the value chain problems of farmers through institutional collaboration.

❖ In addition, TANUVAS has executed six Memorandum of Understandings with various institutions to promote academic and research collaboration during the reporting period.

❖ The Memorandum of Understanding between TANUVAS and Universitas Brawijaya, Indonesia was executed for a period of five years.

❖ In addition, TANUVAS has executed ten Memorandum of Understandings with various institutions to promote academic and research collaboration during the reporting period.

Patents

❖ During the year 2021-2022, nine patents have been granted for the technologies developed by the faculty members of TANUVAS.

- Biodiesel production from rendered chicken oil.
- Multiplex PCR primers for detection of fowl oncogenic viruses.

- An Agar Gel Immunodiffusion (AGID) test kit for serological assessment of Anthrax vaccine.
- A process for preparing Montanide absorbed Anthrax spore vaccine.
- A method for preparing composition for coating the egg trays to increase the shelf-life of eggs.
- Genotype specific cell culture vaccine for Newcastle disease.
- Nutraceutical chocolate fortified with omega 3 fatty acid derived from Chia seed variants.
- Least calorific and low-fat pearl millet Ice cream fortified with antioxidants derived from muskmelon.
- Composition to enhance rumen fermentation and mitigating methane emission in dairy cattle.

Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare Department

❖ To provide relief assistance of Rs.20 lakh each to the families of 21 missing fishermen who were missing in sea during Tauktae cyclone. Rs.4.20 crore has been disbursed to the families of the missing fishermen.

❖ An amount of Rs.18.361 lakh was provided as relief to 29 damaged fishing boats and 159 Inboard / outboard engines of Cuddalore and Ramanathapuram Districts which were damaged in Burevi cyclone.

❖ For the year 2021-2022, fishing ban period relief assistance of Rs. 168.58 crore was disbursed to 3,37,178 eligible fishermen families at Rs.5,000 for each family.

❖ Government has issued orders for enhancement of Special allowance being paid during lean fishing During the year 2021-2022, relief assistance of Rs.111.67 crore was disbursed to 1,86,128 fishermen families of 11 coastal Districts Under Savings cum relief scheme for marine fishermen, Government contribution amount of Rs.111.33 crore was disbursed to 1,85,560 marine fishermen. Government has accorded administrative sanction for implementing this scheme as State scheme from the year 2022-2023. Further, for the year 2022-2023 Government has sanctioned an amount of Rs.104.38 crore being Government contribution. So far relief amount of Rs.75.39 crore was disbursed to 1,25,645 marine fishermen of 11 Coastal Districts.

❖ The National Fishermen Saving Cum Relief Scheme is implemented as State Scheme with Government contribution amount of Rs. 63.26 crore and a sum of Rs.44.06 crore was disbursed to 1,46,666 fishermen in 11 Coastal Districts.

❖ Under Savings cum relief scheme for marine fisherwomen, Government contribution amount of Rs.126.16 crore was sanctioned and a sum of Rs. 105.46 crore was disbursed to 3,52,075 marine fisherwomen in 11 Coastal Districts.

❖ Under the scheme of Motorization of Traditional crafts, Government has accorded administrative approval for providing 2,000 Outboard motor/In Board Engine to traditional fishermen for a total project cost of Rs.24 crore with 40% subsidy assistance of Rs.9.60 crore.

❖ As a replacement to traditional wooden boats to the artisanal fishermen of Tamil Nadu, FRP boat having 10m over all length (OAL) with

engine, nets and ice boxes. The Government has accorded administrative approval for the period 2021-2022 with the total cost of Rs.15 crore to supply 300 FRP boats with fishing implements with subsidy assistance of Rs.6.50 crore.

❖ Under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), for the year 2021-2022, Government has accorded administrative approval for providing AIS-B Transponders to 500 mechanized fishing boats at a total cost of Rs.1.75 crore with 40% subsidy assistance.

❖ Under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), for the year 2021-2022, Government has accorded administrative approval for procurement of 50 Deep sea fishing vessels at a total cost of Rs.60 crore with subsidy assistance of Rs.28.80 crore.

❖ With the financial assistance of Central and State Government under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), funds have been allocated to the tune of Rs.1.42 crore to the fisherwomen belonging to Ramanathapuram, Thanjavur, Pudukkottai Thoothukudi and Kanniyakumari District for undertaking Seaweed culture in rafts and monoline as an alternative livelihood activity to improve their socio economic status. Under this scheme Rs. 28.49 lakh has been released to 1,311 fisherwomen as first installment for culture of seaweed through raft and monoline method.

❖ Under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) funds have been allocated to the tune of Rs.23 lakh to the fishermen belonging to Thiruvallur, Ramanathapuram and Thoothukudi District to carryout Open sea cage farming as an alternative livelihood activity to improve their socio economic status. Under this scheme Rs. 11.43 lakh has been released to 36 fisherfolk as first installment for establishment of Open sea cage farming.

❖ Under Pradhan Mandri Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), for the hygienic handling of fish and to provide good quality fish to the consumers at a reasonable price, the Government has sanctioned an amount of Rs.1.60 crore to purchase Insulated vehicles. Under this scheme Rs. 80 lakh has been released to 20 fishers/fish farmers as 1st installment.

❖ Government is providing 6 months special coaching for Fisher youth at All India Civil

Service Examination Coaching Centre to enable them to excel in competitive exams for joining in the Indian Civil Services for which an amount of Rs. 1.60 lakh has been sanctioned to 19 fisher youths.

❖ To provide scholarship to fisher youth for pursue Maritime Education and Nautical Science courses, the Government has released an amount of Rs.13.75 lakh to 51 fisher youth.

❖ Under the Scheme of Special allowance to Marine Fishermen families during Fishing lean Period, an amount of Rs.17.52 crore has been disbursed to 29,203 fishermen families of Kanniyakumari District.

❖ Under Savings cum Relief Scheme for Marine Fishermen, an amount of Rs.8.41 crore has been disbursed to 28,048 fishermen beneficiaries of Kanniyakumari District.

❖ Government of India has released pending central share amount of Rs.159.72 crore to Government of Tamil Nadu pertaining to National Savings-cum Relief scheme for Marine Fishermen under Centrally Sponsored Scheme from the year 2015-2016 to 2020-2021.

❖ Under Tamil Nadu Savings cum Relief Scheme for Marine Fisherwomen, an amount of Rs.9.25 crore has been disbursed to 30,847 fishermen beneficiaries of Kanniyakumari District.

❖ Under the scheme of Motorization of Traditional crafts, 764 OBM/IBE has been provided to traditional fishermen with 40% subsidy assistance of Rs.1.22 crore.

❖ With the financial assistance of Union and State Government under Pradhan Mandri Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), subsidy assistance to the tune of 2nd instalment Rs.1.13 crore have been sanctioned to 1,311 fisherwomen belonging to Ramanathapuram, Thanjavur, Pudukottai, Thoothukudi and Kanniyakumari Districts for the procurement of 6,390 seaweed rafts and 1,770 seaweed monoline to undertake seaweed culture.

❖ In order to promote shrimp farming in Tamil Nadu, a project at a cost of Rs.14 crore has been sanctioned under Pradhan Mandri Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) to extend subsidy assistance to shrimp farmers for construction of new shrimp farms in an area of 100 ha and work is under progress.

❖ In order to promote advanced technologies in shrimp farming sector and to minimize water usage, for a project at a cost of Rs.4.50 crore administrative sanction has been obtained under Pradhan Mandri Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) to extend subsidy assistance to shrimp farmers for establishment of 25 Biofloc units to undertake shrimp culture and work is under progress.

❖ In order to promote open sea cage culture in Thiruvallur, Chengalpattu, Cuddalore, Viluppuram, Pudukkottai, Ramanathapuram and Kanniyakumari Coastal District of Tamil Nadu, a project at a cost of Rs.2.50 crore has been obtained under Pradhan Mandri Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) to extend subsidy assistance to marine fisherfolk for establishment of 50 Open sea cages to undertake fish culture and work is under progress.

❖ With the financial assistance of Central and State Government under Pradhan Mandri Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) an administrative approval to the tune of Rs.30 lakh has been

issued to extend subsidy assistance to farmers for the establishment of two Marine finfish Nursery Unit each one at Mayiladuthurai and Ramanathapuram Districts and work is under progress.

- 1,000 Fisher Youth from Chennai, Thiruvallur, Kancheepuram, Cuddalore, Pudukkottai, Nagapattinam, Mayiladuthurai, Ramanathapuram, Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi and Kanniyakumari Districts have been trained at a cost of Rs.47.20 lakh for Skill Development training programme on Beach Life Guard and Beach Life Support.
- 26 students have been trained at a cost of Rs.2.93 lakh under the 6 months special training programme at All India Civil Services Coaching Centre for Tamil Nadu fisher youths for appearing Indian Civil Services examination.
- To provide scholarship to fisher youth to pursue Maritime Education and Nautical Science courses, the Government has released an amount of Rs.12 lakh to 37 fisher youth.

Inland Fisheries

- 133.4 crore Early fry fish seeds are produced from 10 Government fish seed production centers which are under the control of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare Department.
- 18.12 crore Fingerlings are produced from 39 Government fish seed rearing centers under the control of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare Department.
- 6 Department controlled Reservoirs have been leased out to the public.
- A sum of Rs.1.20 crore has been sanctioned for stocking of 40 lakh fish seeds under River Ranching Programme in Tamil Nadu.

National Agriculture Developmental Programme (NADP)

- Under National Agriculture Developmental Programme (NADP), the Government sanctioned an amount of Rs. 25.25 lakh for Promotion of Poly culture of Indian Major Carps and Scampi in existing Multi Purpose Farm Ponds and the scheme is successfully completed.
- The Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs. 75.75 lakh. To Improve the water retention efficiency through HDPE lining for fish culture in farm ponds and the scheme is successfully completed.
- The Government has sanctioned an amount of Rs.30.30 lakh To Provide Input assistance for Murrel Fish culture in farm ponds to the farmers and the scheme is successfully completed.
- The Establishment of Genetically Improved Farmed Tilapia (GIFT) Seed Rearing centre at Government fish seed farm Barur in Krishnagiri District at a total project cost of Rs.4.50 crore.
- Renovation of Anaimaduvu Government fish farm in Salem District for the year 2021-2022 at a total project cost of Rs. 70 lakh has been successfully completed.
- “Improvement works in Chittar-II Government fish farm” in Kanniyakumari District for the year 2021-2022 at a total project cost of Rs.32 lakh.
- “Improvement of Government fish farm at Pechiparai Dam” in Kanniyakumari District at a total project cost of Rs.20 lakh.

Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)

- The Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs. 25 lakh as subsidy to the beneficiaries under PMMSY for the establishment of 2 New Freshwater Finfish Hatcheries in Thanjavur and Tiruvarur District.
- The Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs. 5.06 crore as subsidy to the beneficiaries for the Construction of New Grow out Fish Ponds and providing Inputs subsidy for fresh water aquaculture in 100 ha and the works are in progress.
- The Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.1.32 crore as subsidy to the beneficiaries for the Construction of 25 Bio-floc ponds for fresh water areas including inputs.
- The Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs. 69 lakh as subsidy to the beneficiaries for the Establishment of 20 Re-circulatory Aquaculture System (RAS) for fresh water fish culture.
- The Government has sanctioned a project on Establishment of Fish Brood Bank in Lalpet, Cuddalore District and Ramanadhi, Tenkasi District at a total project cost of Rs.10 crore.
- The Government has sanctioned a project on Integrated Reservoir Fisheries Development in 5 reservoirs at a total project cost of Rs. 11.08 crore and works are in progress.
- River ranching of 40 lakh fingerlings of native fish species at a total project cost of Rs. 1.24 crore was ranched.
- The Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs. One crore as subsidy to the beneficiaries for the scheme on Input assistance to the farmers for promotion of fish culture in multi-purpose farm ponds for 550 units and the scheme is in progress.
- To promote Ornamental Fish Culture in the State, Rs.74.80 lakh has been allotted under PMMSY for setting up of ornamental units.
- To Promote Ornamental Fish Culture in the State, Ornamental Fish Trade Centre at Kolathur, Chennai will be established at an estimated cost of Rs.50 crore.

Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernisation Programme (TN-IAMP)

- For fisheries activities under World Bank funded Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernization Project (TN-IAM Project), to the tune of Rs.5.31 crore has been allotted for various fisheries activities.
- IAMP activities are being implemented to the tune of Rs.6.43 crore.

Infrastructure Facilities

- The construction of Fish Landing Centres, Groynes and Sea Erosion Walls at 33 fishing villages in 7 Coastal districts of Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs.411 crore under NABARD.
- For the construction of Fish Landing Centres, Groynes and Sea Erosion Walls under NABARD at 11 fishing villages in 7 Coastal Districts of Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs. 331.96 crore.
- Dredging of Thoothukudi Fishing Harbour at a project cost of Rs. 5 crore.
- For providing Power Winch at a cost of Rs.30 lakh to the Poombuhar Fishing Harbour in Mayiladuthurai District.
- For Preparation of Detailed Project Report for Construction of 6 (Six) Fishing Habours at a cost of Rs.6 crore of State Fund.

- Under State fund, for Preparation of Detailed Project Report for Development of Fish Landing Centre at Samanthanpettai Village in Nagapattinam District at a cost of Rs.15 lakh.
- For the Prepartion of Detailed Project Report towards Modernization of Mallipattinam Fishing Harbour in Thanjavur District & Extension of Training Wall at Mookaiyur Fishing Harbour in Ramanathapuram District at Kanniyakumari District at a cost of Rs.One crore of State Fund.
- Under FIDF, for Construction of Fish Landing Centre at Chandrapadi Village in Nagapattinam District at a cost of Rs.10 crore.
- Under FIDF, for Expansion and Modernization of Thengapattinam Fishing Harbour and for Sea erasion protection wall in Kanniyakumari District at a cost of Rs.116 crore.
- Under PMMSY, for Up-gradation of Pazhayar Fishing Harbour in Mayiladuthurai District at a cost of Rs.26.26 crore.
- Under PMMSY, for Establishment of Fish Brood Banks for Indian Major Carps at Ramanadhi Dam in Tenkasi District, Construction of Fish Landing Centre and Modern Kiosk in 5 reservoirs (Chittar, Veeranam, Sathanoor, Mettur and Bhavanisagar Reservoir) and Supplying, Fabrication and Installation of Floating Fish Seed Rearing Cages And Grow Out Fish Culture Cages of Tamil Nadu Reservoirs at Mettur Dam in Salem District, Bhavanisagar in Reservoir in Erode District, Sathanoor Dam in Tiruvanannmalai District, Veeranam Reservoir in Cuddalore District and Chittar Reservoir in Kanniyakumari District at a total cost of Rs.17.10 crore.
- For the construction, Renovation and modernization of fish farm under FIDF for six projects in Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs. 60.20 crore.
- For the construction of training centre with integrated office building in Thoothukudi and Mettur Dam under FIDF at a cost of Rs. 8 crore.

- For Establishment of Public Aquarium and Ornamental Fish Retail Unit in Tirunelveli District a cost of Rs. 5 crore.
- For Modernisation of Government Trout Fish Seed farm at Avalanche in The Nilgiris District under FIDF at a cost of Rs. 2.50 crore.
- For Construction of Fish Landing Centre at Kunthukal in Ramanathapuram District under Centrally Sponsored scheme at a cost of Rs. 4 crore.
- For Establishment of Native Fish Species Seed Production and Rearing Centre under State fund at a cost of Rs. 4.40 crore.

Tamil Nadu Fisheries Development Corporation (TNFDC)

- During the outbreak of COVID-19, even though complete lockdown was imposed by the Government and sale of fish in the open fish market was banned, the Tamil Nadu Fisheries Development Corporation has delivered 53,488.50 Kgs good quality fish to the value of Rs. 2.91 crore at the door steps of customers against 35,458 orders received from the customers through e-Mail and Mobile App.
- Through Modern fish stall and Mobile fish units, 299.81 tonnes of fish sold and earned revenue of Rs.9.28 crore.
- Sale of 43,474 KL Tax exempted High Speed Diesel (HSD) and taxable diesel to the Marine Fishermen.
- Delivery of 6,813 KL Industrial Kerosene at subsidized rate to 3,492 marine fishermen.
- Through Reservoir fish landings, 1,381.21 tonnes of fish caught and revenue realized for an amount of Rs.8.76 crore.
- Tamil Nadu Fisheries Development Corporation has delivered 4,647.50 Kgs good quality fish to the value of Rs. 27.40 lakh at the door steps of customers against 3,187 orders received from the customers through e-Mail and Mobile App.
- Through Modern fish stalls and Mobile fish units, 173.13 tonnes of fish sold and earned revenue of Rs. 5.28 crore.
- Supply of 30,696 KL of Tax exempted Diesel to the Marine Fishermen.
- Delivery of 3,691 KL Industrial Kerosene at subsidized rate to 3,501 marine fishermen.
- Through Reservoir fish landings, 591.05 tonnes of fish caught and revenue was realized for an amount of Rs. 6.22 crore through Tamil Nadu Fisheries Development Corporation.
- During 2021-2022, Tamil Nadu State Apex Fisheries Co-operative Federation Limited (TAFCOFED) has supplied KL of subsidized 10,961 KL Industrial Kerosene to the traditional motorised fishing crafts in Thoothukudi and Tirunelveli Districts through 14 Outlets and earned a revenue of Rs.51.57 crore.
- During 2021-2022, TAFCOFED has supplied 39,321 KL of tax exempted diesel to Mechanised and Motorised fishing boats through 18 diesel bunks established in Coastal Districts and earned a revenue of Rs.305.28 crore.
- Under National Agricultural Development Programme, supply of implements for the dryfish sellers and producers such as coir mat for hygienic drying of fish, weighing balance , Aluminum vessel, plastic crates and umbrella for dry fish sales at 40% subsidy assistance to 100 Joint Liability Group of fisherwomen of Thoothukudi and Tirunelveli Districts.

- Fisherwomen of Ramanathapuram, Pudukkottai and Thoothukudi Districts are involved in Seaweed farming as an alternative livelihood. TAFCOFED is providing micro credit at a lower interest rate to 51 fisherwomen groups for an amount of Rs.38.25 lakh.

- To ensure hygienic handling and retain of quality of fish catch, Tamil Nadu State Apex Fisheries Co-operative Federation has established and operating Ice plants in five Districts to the value of Rs.8.80 crore through Integrated Co-operative development project (ICDP) Loan assistance.

- To improve livelihood of fishermen, Rs.1.60 crore has been allocated 225 Two wheeler with Ice box, 6 Fish Kiosk, 50 Fish vending Three wheelers.

- TAFCOFED has supplied 1,983 KL of subsidized industrial kerosene to the registered Out board country boats of Thoothukudi and Tirunelveli Districts through 14 Kerosene outlets at a total subsidy value of Rs. 11.97 crore.

- TAFCOFED has supplied 6,195 KL of Sales tax exempted diesel valued Rs. 48.78 lakh to the traditional fishing crafts and Mechanised fishing boats through the 17 Diesel bunks.

Tamil Nadu Fishermen Welfare Board

- Tamil Nadu Fishermen Welfare Board has provided 6,270 relief/assistance claims to its members for an amount of Rs.8.90 crore.

Tamil Nadu Dr.J.Jayalalithaa Fisheries University, Nagapattinam

- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has inaugurated a newly constructed building for the Paraprofessional Institute of Vocational Training in Aquaculture at Muttukadu, Chengalpattu District for a budget of Rs.7.31 crore and Centre for Sustainable Aquaculture at Jeeyapuram, Tiruchirappalli District for budget of Rs.2.50 crore.

- Teaching and non-teaching staff quarters for Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thalainayeru, Nagapattinam District for a budget of Rs.4.20 crore and first floor over the existing building of College of Fisheries Engineering for TNJFU Campus at Nagapattinam District for a budget of Rs.9 crore.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated Paraprofessional Institute of Fisheries Technology at Madhavaram Campus, Chennai with a State fund of Rs.15 crore, Additional Infrastructure Facility of Hostel (Girls & Boys) First Floor and Second floor for Dr.M.G.R. FC&RI at Thalainayeru, Nagapattinam with NABARD fund of Rs.6.39 crore, Office cum Laboratory and Training Hall at Mandapam Centre for Sustainable Aquaculture at Seeniappa Dargah, Mandapam with NADP fund of Rs. 11.70 crore, Long liner cum Gill netter Deep Sea Training Boat with a State fund of Rs.16 crore and Laboratory Complex with Training Hall at Fisheries College & Research Institute, Thoothukudi with NADP budget of Rs. One crore during the year 2023 through video conferencing.

- In academic year 2022-2023, 17 students benefitted from 7.5% reservation of Government School students in Undergraduate programmes and 25 students benefitted from 20% reservation allotted for fishermen community in B.F.Sc., and B.Tech Fisheries Engineering.

New Technologies Released

- 14 new Technologies were developed in

TNJFU and the same were released during Pongal Festival by the Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Fishermen Welfare and Animal Husbandry on 21.01.2022.

- Nursery rearing of Asian Seabass seeds in freshwater
- Solar Infrared Hybrid Fish Dryer
- Natural Dye-Based Halochromic Sensor for Monitoring the Spoilage of Packed Sardine
- Eco-friendly piezoelectric nano-generator energy harvester from Crab & Shrimp shells
- Gold fish feed
- Growout feed for Pangasius, Indian Major Carps and Tilapia
- Flowerhorn feed
- Squid and millets based extrudate
- Solar Powered Auto Feeder with Control system
- Ohmic Heater
- Liquid Smoking Generation System
- Semi- automatic dry fish cutter
- Pocket-size Colorimeter for On-Site Determination of pH and Nickel in Aquaculture
- Fish Health App (in Tamil)

Education

❖ 373 students admitted in undergraduate courses, 44 students admitted in postgraduate courses and 29 students admitted in Ph.D., courses during the academic year 2021-2022.

❖ During the academic year 2021-2022, 18 students admitted under 15% additional Fishermen quota and 19 students admitted under 7.5% Government quota to the Government School students.

Approved Projects

❖ Six NADP projects for the year 2021-2022 were sanctioned for a total cost of Rs.8.82 crore and Rs.26.09 crore has been sanctioned for the additional infrastructure facilities through NABARD funding support.

Student's achievement

❖ The students of this University have achieved in the All India Level Entrance Examination for PG admission by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research. One student of Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Fisheries University secured fifth rank in the All India Entrance Examination for Admission for postgraduate studies (AIEEA (PG)-2021) conducted by the ICAR, New Delhi for the year 2021. Totally 28 students of this University made it within 100 ranks, of which 10 students came within 25 ranks.

❖ During the year 2022-2023, there are 33 students secured their admission in PG and Ph.D. as JRF and SRF with fellowship in CIFE, Mumbai and other SAUs through ICAR, New Delhi - All India Entrance Examination in Admission.

Service to the Fishermen

❖ Two training centres have been created under the Government of Tamil Nadu funded project Establishment of Deep sea fishing technology and Management centres at Thoothukudi and Thoothoor" with a budget outlay of Rs.3.82 crore. 04 one week (6 days) on-

campus training programmes were conducted for the benefit of 120 Fishermen and a one week (6 days) on-board training programme was conducted for the benefit of 32 Fishermen in Deep Sea Fishing Technological aspects.

Indian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum (IFAF)

- Tamil Nadu Dr. J.Jayalalithaa Fisheries University, Nagapattinam and Asian Fisheries Society (Indian branch) jointly organized the 12th Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum (12th IFAF) at Chennai from May 5, 2022 to May 7, 2022. 741 delegates from various Central and State fisheries institutes participated and 'Fish Farmers Meet' was also conducted on the last day where in 200 fish farmers from various States participated.

State Government 'Pudhumai Penn scheme'

- During the academic year, out of 570 girls students admitted in 09 UG programmes, 31 girls students benefitted from Tamil Nadu Government Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Higher Education Assurance Scheme under 'Pudhumai Penn' scheme.

State Government's 'Naan Mudhalvan' Scheme

- To create awareness among the students about fisheries education, prospects and placement details under the caption 'Kalluri kanavugal', an exhibition was organized in Chennai followed by faculties were nominated to explain about fisheries education in all Districts of Tamil Nadu in which more than 10,000 students benefitted.

Sanctioned Scheme under State fund

- During the fiscal year 2022-2023, the State Government have given Rs.2.68 crore to the University for the implementation of the project entitled Establishment of Loach (Ayirai Meen) Research Centre in Theni District for Promoting Loach farming and the establishment of centre is under progress in Theni District for the benefit of the farmers.

Technology commercialized through research outcome

- The marine products incubation forum of Fisheries College and Research Institute commercialized seaweed incorporated cosmetic products and created 27 entrepreneurs in the manufacturing of seaweed based beauty products. Herbalise Health Care is a company that manufactures and sells beauty products in Madurai. A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed to manufacture various beauty products such as soap facial cream, hair mask, facial gel, hand washing soap, etc., using the extract or powder made from seaweed and the products are available for sale in the market.

Patents

- During the year 2022-2023, Tamil Nadu Dr.J.Jayalalithaa Fisheries University has filed 16 design patents.

Training to Fishermen

- A deep sea fishing research and training vessel was recently launched by the University in Thoothukudi to train the fishermen. There are 150 fishermen benefitted from the trainings conducted on care and maintenance of marine engines, safety of fishermen at sea and boat maneuvering skills in the year 2022.

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Inauguration of Chennai Kolathur lake deepening and embankment improvement work - 13.08.2022

Visiting the exhibition halls setup by various Departments in a Government function held in Tenkasi District - 08.12.2022

Backward Classes Welfare, Most Backward Classes Welfare, De-notified Communities Welfare and Khadi & Village Industries Board

Hon'ble Minister for Backward Classes Welfare
Thiru. R.S.Rajakannappan

- Libraries were setup in the name of "Semmozhi Noolagam" in 275 college hostels, at a cost of Rs.2.74 crore.
- Parental annual income ceiling for Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare hostel admission has been enhanced from Rs.One lakh to Rs.Two lakh.
- Play materials and exercise equipments to 275 college hostels at a cost of Rs.1.51 crore.
- Personality development and Spoken English training was imparted to the inmates of 275 college hostels through Tamil Nadu Skill Development Mission.
- Books for competitive exams were supplied to 40 college hostels at a cost of Rs.10 lakh.

- Prizes were awarded to best hostels at District level at a cost of Rs.7.80 lakh.
- Fee for the students who studied in Government schools and admitted to Medical Courses under 7.5% preferential allotment seats, is reimbursed. A sum of Rs.11.51 crore has been spent as reimbursement of fee to 317 students who have joined MBBS and BDS courses. In the year 2022-2023, Rs.26.28 crore is being spent for the benefit of 755 students.
- Refresher training programme was conducted to Wardens/ Matrons of hostels at a cost of Rs.49.55 lakh.
- Bio-metric based facial recognition systems has been installed in 20 college girls hostels at a cost of Rs.23.60 lakh.
- Orders were issued for taking up special repair and renovation works in 146 hostels at a cost of Rs.13 crore and works are under progress.
- Orders were issued to construct compound wall in 7 hostels at a cost of Rs.1.68 crore and Works are under progress.
- Miscellaneous charges to hostel boarders have been enhanced (For school hostels from Rs.50 to Rs.100, college hostels from Rs.75 to Rs.150) at an additional cost of Rs.4.90 crore.
- 2 School hostels were upgraded into college hostels at a cost of Rs.14.44 lakh.
- Orders issued for the construction of own buildings to 2 hostels at a cost of Rs.6.60 crore and works are under progress.
- Competitions like Essay writing, Sports and Games in the name of "Kalai Thiruvizha" for hostel students were conducted at a cost of Rs.3.80 lakh.
- The parental annual income limit for availing scholarships has been enhanced from Rs.2 lakh to Rs.2.50 lakh. Scholarships were disbursed to 7,14,516 students at a cost of Rs.196.72 crore.
- Monthly boarding and Lodging charges, under scholarships scheme has been enhanced to a uniform rate of Rs.400 per month, at an additional cost of Rs.9 crore.
- Toilet facilities for the use of differently-abled students were provided in 234 Kallar Reclamation schools, at a cost of Rs.4.68 lakh.
- Special repair and maintenance works are carried out in 104 Kallar Reclamation school buildings at a cost of Rs.7 crore.
- English Medium classes have been started in 9th standard in 15 Kallar Reclamation schools.
- English Medium classes are started in first standard in 225 Kallar Reclamation schools.
- Personality development and Spoken English training was conducted to 8th to 11th standard students of Kallar Reclamation schools through Tamil Nadu Skill Development Mission.
- The annual income ceiling for availing benefit under "Incentive scheme for rural girl students belonging to the Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities" has been enhanced from Rs.72,000 to Rs. One lakh.
- Bicycles were distributed to 4,35,624 students belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities studying in 11th standard at a cost of Rs.221.25 crore.
- The annual income ceiling to avail benefit under the schemes such as supply of Sewing machines, Iron Boxes and House site pattas, has been enhanced from Rs.72,000 to Rs. One lakh.
- The number of iron boxes distributed annually has been enhanced from 2,000 to 3,000 and 3,000 iron boxes were distributed at a cost of Rs.1.46 crore.
- Marriage assistance provided to the registered members or family members of the Denotified Communities Welfare Board, Narikuravar Welfare Board and Ulemas and Employees Welfare Board has been enhanced from Rs.2,000 to Rs.3,000 in respect of men and from Rs.2,000 to Rs.5,000 in respect of women.
- Orders were issued to publish a book on reservation and social justice at a cost of Rs.8 lakh and action is being taken.

- Cash prize for Thanthai Periyar Award has been increased from Rs.One lakh to Rs. Five lakh, the awardee is awarded a gold medal of One sovereign along with the cash prize of Rs. Five lakh. For the year 2021, Thanthai Periyar Award has been awarded to Thiru. K. Thirunavukarasu and in the year 2022, Thanthai Periyar Award has been awarded to Kavignar Kali. Poongundran.
- Loans to the tune of Rs.84.40 crore has been disbursed to 12,662 Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Community beneficiaries through Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Economic Development Corporation.
- e-Libraries were setup in 275 College hostels, at a cost of Rs.2.20 crore.
- 15 college hostels were opened at needy places by restructuring school hostels which are having lower strength, at a cost of Rs.1.48 crore.
- College girl students are permitted to get admission in the 3,224 vacant seats available in school girl hostels at a cost of Rs.48.36 lakh and so far, 430 college girl students are admitted.
- Orders were issued for the construction of own buildings to two hostels which are in dilapidated state and functioning in rental buildings at a cost of Rs.7.42 crore.
- To impart best quality education to the students of Kallar Reclamation School, 3 Residential Schools at a cost of Rs.1.17 crore and 160 students are admitted in their residential schools.
- Two Kallar Reclamation high schools at Madurai and Dindigul Districts has been upgraded into Higher Secondary schools at a cost of Rs. 1.34 crore.
- State level Educational tour for 11th standard Kallar Reclamation school students is organized at a cost of Rs.53.28 lakh. Under the tour program, 1,557 students were taken to visit places of historical importance and cultural heritage in Ramanathapuram, The Nilgiris, Kanniyakumari Districts through TTDC.
- Incidental charges provided for conducting 3 medical checkups in a year in hostels and Kallar Reclamation Schools has been enhanced from Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 3,000 at a cost of Rs.32.98 lakh.
- Orders are issued to establish 25 Modern Laundry Units by engaging a group of 10

members involved in laundry activities at a cost of Rs.75 lakh and so far, a sum of Rs. 12 lakh has been sanctioned for setting up of 4 modern laundry units.

- Orders issued to establish 25 Readymade Garment Units by engaging a group of 10 members involved in tailoring activities at a cost of Rs.75 lakh.
- Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Economic Development Corporation has disbursed loans to the tune of Rs. 99.62 crore to 15,151 beneficiaries.

Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board

- The Khadi Complex at Kandanur, Sivagangai District was renovated at a cost of Rs.45.80 lakh and 9 units namely Rural Textile Centre, Khadi Sub-centre, Leather Goods Production Unit, Carpentry and Blacksmith Production Unit, Soap Unit, Palm leaf Products Unit, Foot mat Unit, Bamboo Basket Unit and Embroidery Unit have been inaugurated.
- Training in spinning work given to 60 women, in a batch of 20 persons per month and the trainees are given employment after completion of training.
- At the exhibition at Kuralagam, Chennai, arenas were allocated and artistic clay pots and Pingan items worth Rs.10.65 lakh were sold.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has introduced a new bathing soap in 4 flavours, namely Rose, Lavender, Sandal and Red Sandal under the name "Khadi Fragrance" using coconut oil based soap noodles.
- The "Khadi Honey" in new shaped glass bottles with eye-catching labels was introduced and sold for Rs.1.86 crore.
- To sell the village products in bulk to the people and thereby increasing the sales of the Board, five licenses were issued to run as franchise.
- In order to make the products of Khadi Village Industry and Palm Products available to the public then and there, Region/District wise Dealership for whole sale agents has been provided to 11 firms/individuals, for those who possess good experience and wide coverage in the marketing field.
- 164 Co-operative Societies are functioning under the control of the Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board and production to the tune of Rs.14.78 crore and sale to the tune of Rs.20.84 crore were achieved.
- Under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Rs.41.01 crore has been released as margin money subsidy for 1,895 Industrial projects. Employment has been created for 11,034 persons.
- 10,126 licenses were issued to Palmgur Artisans for tapping of Neera and to market it.
- A common facility centre has been established for the Palm jiggery production to benefit the Palmgur artisans at a cost of Rs.40 lakh, in Veerapandianpattinam, Thoothukudi.
- Palmgur manufacturing training has been imparted to 250 persons at a cost of Rs.50 lakh for manufacturing quality Palm jaggery. Tools and equipment were also given to the trained persons.
- Through the ration shops run by Co-operative department and Tamil Nadu District Consumer Marketing Co-operative Wholesale Stores run by Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation, 123.10 tonnes of Palm Jaggery worth Rs.4.94 crore was marketed.
- A modern honey testing lab has been established at Kaniyakumari district, at a cost of Rs.15 lakh.
- Products worth Rs.37.75 lakh have been solde through retail outlets of Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board, Sarvodaya Sanghs and Public Distribution System across the State.
- 10 lakh palm seeds worth Rs.30 lakh have been distributed to the interested palm farmers.

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Tourism and Tourism Development Corporation

Hon’ble Minister for Tourism
Thiru. K. Ramachandran

Tourism Department

- The Tourism Destination Development Scheme was launched.
- The integrated and holistic approach of the Master Plan for 300 destinations across the state has been prepared.
- Revival plan for Tourism Sector in Tamil Nadu after lockdown of Covid-19.
- The Government of Tamil Nadu formed a committee to study the feasibility of the development of dam sites as tourist attractions.

- Beachfront development will be carried out at the island area of the Mudaliarkuppam Boat House at a cost of Rs.50 lakh.
- State Tourism Awards to be given to various stakeholders associated with the tourism industry in Tamil Nadu.
- To promote Ayyan Thiruvalluvar's glory globally and to attract enhanced tourist visits to Kanniyakumari, a 3D projection mapping system will be installed at a cost of Rs.10.22 crore.
- Rs. One crore was sanctioned for the periodical maintenance of the Ayyan Thiruvalluvar Statue at Kanniyakumari.
- The Government of Tamil Nadu has reconstituted the existing "Tamil Nadu Advisory Committee" as the "Tamil Nadu Tourism Promotion and Development Committee".
- For setting up an eco-adventure resort and camping site at Kolli Hills at a cost of Rs.2.23 crore.
- Transformation of Jawadhu Hills as a prime tourist destination with varied tourist amenities at a cost of Rs.2.91 crore.
- As a part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav initiative, the Department of Tourism has published 75 promotional videos on various digital media platforms on these themes to demonstrate the myriad tourism offerings of the state.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism in corporated emerging technologies like Artificial Intelligence and Virtual reality for the creation of AR / VR based booklets and pamphlets to promote the tourist destinations of the state.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism has participated in the "OTM-2023" at Mumbai.
- Tourism Department has participated in the "TTF (Travel & Tourism Fair)" at Chennai.
- Tourism Department participated in the book fair held at Thiruvallur.
- Tourism Department participated in the Mangala Devi Kannagi Temple festival in Theni.
- Tourism Department participated in the "Chithirai Festival 2022" in Madurai.
- Tourism Department participated in the book fair held at Sivagangai.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism had participated in the "Wow Tamil Nadu Awards 2021".
- Rs.1134.56 lakh has been sanctioned for the Development of Courtallam Waterfalls with aesthetic landscaping and tourist amenities.
- Rs.715.06 lakh has been sanctioned for the Development of Muttom Bay and Thirparappu Falls in Kanniyakumari.
- A Government Order has been issued to avail loan for a sum of Rs.929.31 lakh from the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) for the Development of Vathalmalai and Muthupettai Mangrove forest in Dharmapuri District and Muthukuda in Pudukkottai District as tourist destinations with various facilities.
- Rs.177.83 lakh has been sanctioned for the Preparation of Detailed Project Report to establish a "Nandavanam" at ECR, Chennai.
- Rs.4,406 lakh has been sanctioned for the Construction of a world-class Jallikattu arena at Alanganalur, Madurai.
- A Government Order has been issued to avail loan for a sum of Rs.1,407 lakh from the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)to upgradation of Pichavaram Boathouse with various tourist amenities.
- Rs.2,360 lakh has been sanctioned for the Renovation of Poompuhar Heritage City.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism has participated in the World Travel Market-2022 (WTM-2022), London.

- Tamil Nadu Tourism had participated in the "India International Trade Fair (IITF)" at New Delhi.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism had sponsored in the "Travel and Tourism Bazaar-2022" at Ranchi.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism had participated in the "Vaikuntha Ekadashi Festival" at Tiruchirappalli.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism had sponsored in the Tamil Nadu Tourism has sponsored in the "Rajaraja Cholan Sathaya Vizha-2022" at Thanjavur.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism has participated in the "IATO-2022" at Lucknow.
- The "Indian Dance Festival 2022-2023" at Mamallapuram was celebrated from 23.12.2022 to 12.01.2023.
- The "Indian Dance Festival 2022-2023" at Island Ground was celebrated from 04.01.2023 to 11.01.2023 and 18.01.2023 to 22.01.2023.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism has sponsored the "9th Annual Global Organization of Tamil Origin Meet and 15th Annual Edison Awards" at Chennai.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism has sponsored in the "Heritage Walk" at Gingee Fort, Viluppuram from 07.01.2023 to 14.01.2023.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism has sponsored in the "Margazhi Village Festival" at Dakshinchitra, Chennai.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism has sponsored in the "Tamil Nadu International Balloon Festival" at Pollachi.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism has celebrated "Pongal Festival-2023" at all Districts.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism has sponsored in the "Pongal Festival-2023" at Tamil Nadu House, New Delhi.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism has sponsored in the "One year achievement Exhibition" at Krishnagiri & Tirupathur.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism has sponsored in the "Republic Day Celebration" exhibition at Tiruppathur.
- Tourism Department has sponsored in the Book Fair-2023 at Sivagangai.

- Tamil Nadu Tourism has sponsored in the "Pulicat Day" at Pulicat.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism has participated in the "Bharat Parv-2023" at New Delhi.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism has sponsored in the "36th Surajkund International Crafts Mela-2023" at Surajkund, Faridabad, Haryana.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism has participated in the "OTM-2023" at Mumbai.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism has participated in the "SATTE-2023" at New Delhi.
- Tourism Department has sponsored in the "Book Fair-2023" at Chengalpet.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism has participated in the "TTF-2023" at Chennai.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism won an award for "The Best Beach and Coastal Destination - Lemur Beach, Kanniyakumari" at the India Today Tourism Awards-2022 held at New Delhi.
- Tourism Department has sponsored in the "Book Fair-2023" at Theni.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism has participated in the "ITB-2023" at Berlin, Germany.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism bagged two awards for "The Best Tourism Minister of the Year-India" and "Destination of the Year—Heritage" at PATWA Awards, ITB Berlin held.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism has participated in the "MATTA Fair-2023" at Malaysia.
- Tourism Department participated in the 2nd virtual edition of "E-Conclave on Travel, Tourism & Hospitality".
- Tamil Nadu Tourism participated in the "7th International Tourism Conclave & Travel Award (ITICA)".
- Tamil Nadu Tourism participated in the "Newindia.travel- setting the stage for the next normal" program in Mamallapuram.
- Tourism Department has participated in the "TTF (Travel & Tourism Fair)" at Kolkatta.
- Tourism Department participated in the "First South Indian Conference on Health and Tradition Medicine" in Chennai.
- Tourism Department participated in the "Indian International Travel Mart" in Chennai.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism represented India at the Mexico Hot Air Balloon Festival, which took place in Leon.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism bagged three awards at the India Today Tourism Conclave & Awards 2021held in New Delhi. The Best Mountain Destination Award was won by Coonoor, The Nilgiris District and Kolli Hills, Namakkal District secured the runner-up spot for the Most Scenic Road Award.
- Tourism Department participated in the "India International Trade Fair" in New Delhi.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism participated in the "India International Travel Mart" at Pune.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism participated in the "India Travel Mart" at Jaipur.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism participated in the Dubai Expo 2020 and showcased the tourism destinations and experiences of the State.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism sponsored the "Covelong Classic 2021" at Kovalam.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism sponsored "Wow Tamil Nadu 2022", an online photography and videography contest.
- Tourism Department has celebrated the "World Tourism Day 2021".

- Tamil Nadu Tourism has sponsored the "75th Suthanthira Thirunaal Amudha Peruvizha (STAP)" at Vellore.
- The "Indian Dance Festival" at Mamallapuram was celebrated.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism has participated in the "World Expo 2020" in Dubai.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism sponsored the "Jallikattu Festival"organized at Kumarapalayam, Namakkal.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism sponsored the "Republic Day Celebration" at Pachal village, Tirupathur District.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism sponsored the "Keezhadi Archeology Exhibition as a part of Chennai Photo Biennale Edition 3" organized in Chennai.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism sponsored the "Chennai Photo Biennale 2021" held in Chennai.

Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation

- Upgradation of 8 rooms in Hotel Tamil Nadu, Ranipet at a cost of Rs.28.80 lakh.
- Upgradation of bar and toilet block at Hotel Tamil Nadu, Madurai-Il at a cost of Rs.25.10 lakh.
- Removing of weeds and aquatic plants in the entire boating lake at Boathouse, Yercaud at a cost of Rs.15 lakh.
- Improvement works in 11 rooms at Hotel Tamil Nadu, Coimbatore at a cost of Rs.10.25 lakh.
- Purchase of two 4 seater Speed Boat with 50 HP OBM at Boathouse. Pykara at a cost of Rs.20.68 lakh.
- Purchase of two 60 HP Outboard Motors and ten 9.9 HP Outboard Motors at Boathouse, Pykara at a cost of Rs.34.55 lakh.
- Purchase of various types of Boats and Outboard Motors, Lifebuoy and Life Jackets at Boathouse, Valankulam, Coimbatore at a cost of Rs.31.92 lakh.
- Purchase of various types of Boats at Boathouse, Muttukadu, Mudaliyarkuppam and Kodaikkanal at a cost of Rs.4.42 lakh.

- Purchase of ten 2 seater and 41seater pedal boat at Boathouse, Yercaud at a cost of Rs.9.68 lakh.
- TTDC has earned the revenue of Rs.11.68 crore through online booking of its 22 hotels and package tours.
- TTDC has received 7,278 bookings from OTA platforms and earned revenue of Rs.2.59 crore.
- TTDC has revamped their online website www.tdconline.com and made it more responsive and user friendly.
- TTDC has introduced a feedback mechanism system at all Hotel Tamil Nadu properties for obtaining feedback of customers. TTDC received 1,927 customer reviews and feedback.
- TTDC has developed Virtual 3D tours of UNESCO World Heritage Sites (5) of Tamil Nadu by incorporating emerging technologies like Virtual reality and 3D mapping.
- TTDC has upgraded the servers for better functioning of E-Governance system implemented for TTDC.
- TTDC has launched various social media marketing initiatives on Facebook. Through this campaign in Facebook, the events of tourism have reached more than 46 lakh people.
- 5 new tour packages have been introduced to operate from Madurai.
- 100% Utilization of "Seegra Dharshan" Tickets of TTDC (Thirumala Thirupathi).
- Aggressive Marketing of TTDC package tours in Social Media like Twitter, Facebook etc., as promotion.
- In connection with the "World Tourism Day 2021", TTDC had launched Heritage walks themed around history and heritage in collaboration with renowned historians.
- In connection with the "World Disability Day", TTDC organized an inclusive photography tour at Mamallapuram. The event encouraged persons with disabilities to travel and pursue their passion for photography.
- Upgradation works were carried out at Kitchen and Outside open restaurant (Civil & Interior Work) at Hotel Tamil Nadu, Tiruttani.
- Upgradation works were carried out in Deluxe Room and Suite Room at Hotel Tamil Nadu, Kancheepuram.
- Procurement of a Pontoon and a Jet Ski at Boathouse, Valankulam.
- Constructed toilet block at Boathouse, Pykara.
- Upgradation works were carried out at 8 Rooms in first floor and renovation works were carried out in the Restaurant at Hotel Tamil Nadu, Trichy.
- Renovation works were carried out in two Suite Rooms at Hotel Tamil Nadu, Coimbatore.
- Procurement of 60 HP 4 Stroke Manual Start Out Board Motors (2 nos.), 9.9 HP 2 Stroke (4 nos.) and 15 HP 4 Stroke (2 nos.) at Boathouse, Pykara.
- Procurement of 9.9 HP 2 Stroke Manual Start Out Board Motors (10 nos.) at Boathouse, Ooty.
- Steps have been taken for the operation of Tirupati Tour Sleeper AC coach from major cities other than Chennai like Coimbatore, Madurai and AC seater coach operation from Hosur, Cuddalore.
- Necessary steps have been taken by the TTDC to organize Jain Temple Tour such that it takes two days from Chennai and three days from Madurai.

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Food and Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Price Control

Hon'ble Minister for Food and Civil Supplies

Thiru. R. Sakkarapani

FOOD

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu announced to distribute Rs.4,000 as cash assistance to all Rice cardholders as a Covid relief measure and to secure their livelihood and sanctioned an amount of Rs.8,392.76 crore. 2,09,81,900 rice cardholders received cash assistance.
- As part of corona relief a kit containing 14 grocery items was distributed through Fair Price Shops at a total cost of Rs.977.10 crore to 2,07,70,332 (99.12 %) rice card holders.
- Pongal gift hamper containing 21 items to all Rice card holders including families living in Sri Lankan

Tamil Rehabilitation camps at a total cost of Rs. 1,297 crore was distributed to 2,12,17,756 rice card holders and families living in Sri Lankan Tamil Rehabilitation Camps.

❖ A total of 14,19,473 new smart family cards have been printed and distributed to those who are found eligible.

❖ 35,941 Fair Price Shops are functioning in Tamil Nadu as on 31.03.2023. Out of 1,009 newly opened Fair price shops, about 311 are running as full time shops and 698 are functioning as part time fair shops.

❖ The external and internal ambience of 3,139 Fair Price Shops have been face lifted to meet the of the family card holders and sellers. Also, ISO 9001 and ISO 28000 certifications have been oletained.

❖ A new Assistant Commissioner Office has been established at the, Kolathur under which there are 65 Fair Price Shops.

❖ To celebrate the Pongal which is the festival of family in a grand manner, a Special Pongal Gift hamper consisting 1kg of raw rice, 1 kg of sugar, 1 full sugarcane and a cash amount of Rs.1,000 was given to 2,14,67,500 beneficiaries which includes rice card holders and families living in Sri Lankan Tamil Rehabilitation.

❖ 98% to 98.5% of the transactions are done through Biometric Authentication every month.

❖ In the monthly Public Distribution system grievance redressed day camps held at Taluk level, 1,08,902 petitions which included regarding getting.

❖ During the holy month of Ramzan, for the prepare action of 'Nonbu Kanji' for to the muslims who fasting, every year the Government of Tamil Nadu gives Raw Rice at a cost of Rs.1 Per kg. Accordingly, 11,612.102MT of raw rice during the years 2022 and 2023, was given for the Ramzan fasting of the muslims.

❖ In order to help the people of Sri Lanka who are facing acute hardships due to the economic crisis, 40,000 MT of rice was purchased directly from mills in Tamil Nadu and sent to Sri Lanka at a cost of Rs.134 crore in 3 phases.

❖ Online registration system was introduced for farmers to sell paddy at direct paddy procurement stations and 88.90 LMT of paddy was procured.

❖ Farmer call center has been started and 11,199 calls have been received and follow-up action is being taken by the concerned Zonal Offices.

❖ During procurement seasons, incentives to farmers have been increased from to Rs.100 per quintal for Grade A paddy and to Rs.75 per quintal for common paddy.

❖ Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation has 21 Modern Rice Machines with the monthly hulling capacity of 52,500 MTs besides having 602 Regular hulling agents with the monthly hulling capacity of 9,74,991 MTs.

❖ Color Sortex Machine have been installed in 21 Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation owned Modern Rice Mill and 602 private hulling units. Also, Blending units have been installed in 546 private milling units inorder to provide good quality rice.

- Hulling charges for the hulling agents have been enhanced from Rs.10 to Rs.25 per quintal for Raw Rice mills and Rs.20 to 40 per quintal for Boiled Rice mills.

- The monthly salary of seasonal Bill clerks of Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation working in direct paddy procurement centers were increased to Rs.8,784, travelling allowance of Rs.120 was granted and seasonal helper and Watchman salary also increased to Rs. 8,717 and traveling allowance of Rs.100 was granted.

- The Government has enhanced the wages from Rs.3.25 to Rs.10 per bag for the seasonal load men working in direct purchase centre for loading and stacking of 40 kg paddy bags engaged 33,259 workers have benefitted out of this.

- Appointment order were issued for 109 legal heirs of the deceased employees of Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation.

- In Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation, 591 seasonal employees working from to 2012 have been appointed as permanent employees.

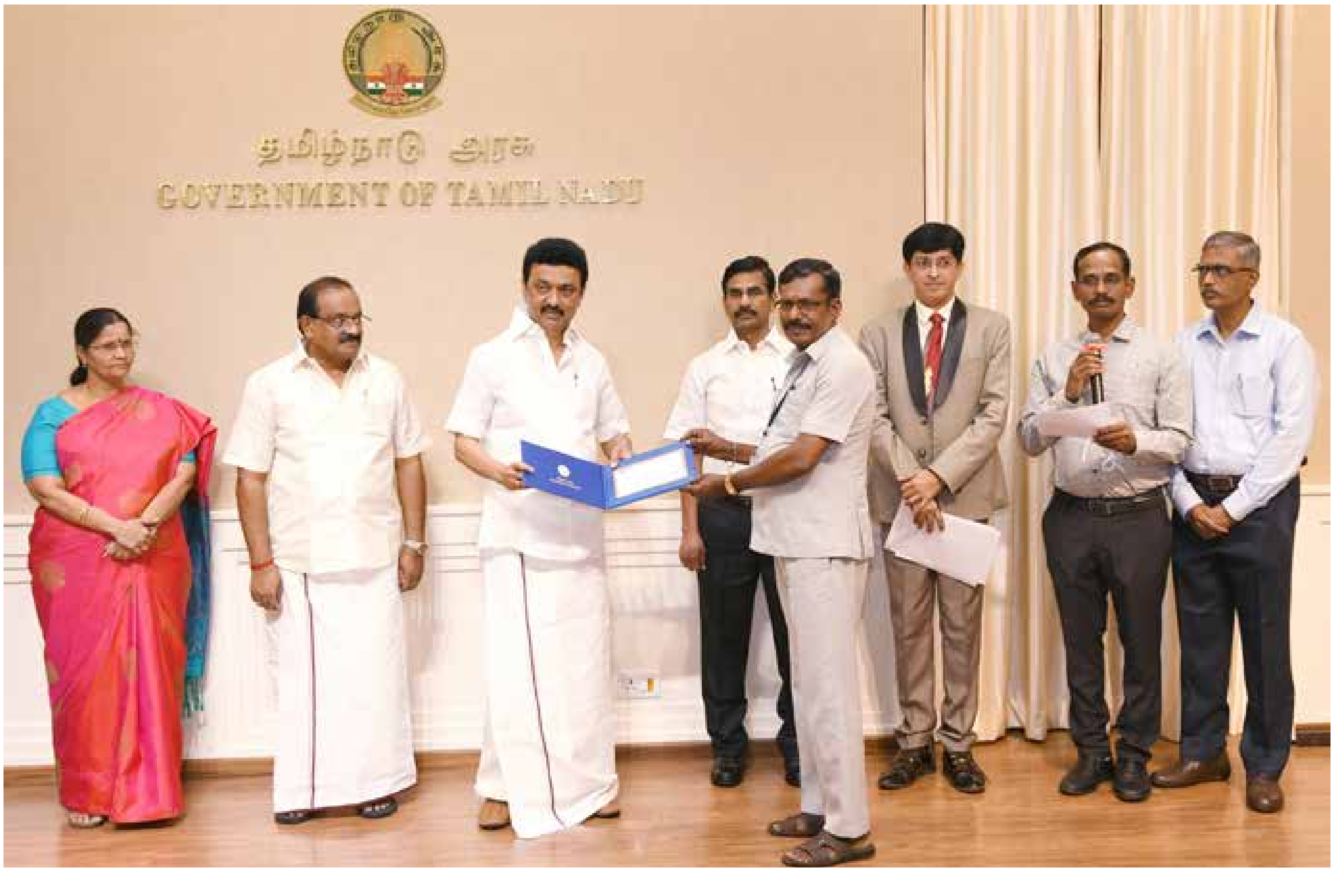
- Six modern rice mills of 500 MT milling capacity (Thanjavur – I, Thanjavur - II, Tiruvarur –I, Tiruvarur –II, Cuddalore and Mayiladuthurai) and a new modern rice mill of 200 MT milling capacity in Theni District will be installed with PPA mode.

- 63,975 Tarpaulin covers (LDBP covers) and 61,250 Tarpaulin sheets (LDBP sheets) were purchased and provided to Cover and Plinth (CAP) storage points and Direct Purchase Centers (DPCs).

- 1,401 of Moisture Meters and 1,465 of Paddy Winnowing Machines were procured and provided to Direct purchased Centers (DPCS).

- Out of 21 Modern Rice Mills operating under the Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation, orders have been given to install FRK Blending Machine at the Regional level in 13 Modern Rice Mills during the first phase.

- Under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 15,741 cases were registered and goods Rs.15.20 crore worth were seized under Public Distribution System.



- As per the Prevention of Black Marketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act, 1980, 140 person were arrested and remanded in custody.

- CS CID units which have been newly created in 2 zones, 8 ranges and 6 units have started functioning. 3 New Special Patrol Teams too have started functioning at Thiruvallur, Pollachi & Uthamapalayam.

- To improve the functioning of CS CID units, old Computers & accessories were replaced in all units and training has been given to the Police officers and personnel. Government have accorded permission to purchase 29 Closed Circuit Television stand personnel alone (CCTV) Cameras from M/s ELCOT.

- The turnover Rs.84.52 crore for the year 2021-2022 is being the highest ever in the history of Tamil Nadu Warehousing Corporation.

- Tally accounting software was installed in all warehouses for day to day recording of receipts and payments.

- In order to have paperless office e-office was implemented in all sections of Head Office, Regional office and in all Warehouses. Digitalization of Head Office, records/files are undertaken to safeguard the records / files.

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Electricity, Non Conventional Energy Development, Prohibition and Excise, Molasses

Hon'ble Minister for Electricity, Prohibition & Excise

Thiru. V.Senthilbalaji

Energy Department

Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited

Agriculture service connections

- One lakh Agriculture service connections have been effected in one year, covering 2.13 lakh acres of land at a cost of Rs. 803 crore.
- 50,000 services under General category have been effected covering 86,384 acres of land at a cost of Rs. 816 crore. Under special priority category 589 services have been effected so far.

Minnagam

- "Minnagam" a State Level Centralized Customer Care Centre was launched with Mobile number-94987 94987 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 20.06.2021, wherein the consumers can register 37 nature of complaints related to Electricity.

Installed Capacity

- The total installed capacity of Tamil Nadu has been increased to 34,706 MW from 32,595 MW.

Peak Reached

- TANGEDCO grid has achieved an ever before maximum per day consumption of 400.881 MU. All-time maximum demand so far reached is 18,667 MW without any hindrances.

Renewable Power

- An all-time wind high generation of 5,689 MW and highest generation in a day is of 120.25 MU.
- An all-time solar high generation of 4,866 MW and highest generation in a day is of 36 MU.
- 74% of Tamil Nadu's total electricity consumption was met out from Renewable Energy.
- 2,028 MW of solar power has been added to the grid and the total installed capacity of solar as on date is 6,539 MW.

Generation

- The energy generated from TANGEDCO owned thermal stations during the year 2020-2021 was 15,553.52 million units and 20,391.18 million units during 2021-2022 with an increase of 4,837.66 Million Units which is around 31.1% higher than the previous year. The energy generated during the year 2022-2023 is 22,689 million units.
- Similarly, TANGEDCO's own hydro power generation has exceeded the annual target set by Central Electricity Authority (CEA) by about 1,660.36 MU and 2,261.08 million units.

Coal

- As per the CEA guidelines, TANGEDCO has implemented the supply of about 14.34 lakh tonnes coal directly from mines through Road cum Rail mode (RCR).

❖ In addition to the existing 2 berths at Paradip port, TANGEDCO has opted for 2 additional berths namely IOHP & JSW.

❖ Additional Port M/s. Gangavaram Port Ltd. has been engaged for loading “IB” Valley Coal to various discharge ports as an alternate option and to evacuate more quality of coal for sustained generation.

Projects

❖ To increase the State Owned Installed capacity, works are under progress for thermal and hydro projects to the tune of 4,620 MW.

❖ In order to unload the coal quickly, 2 numbers Gantry Grab type Shore Un loaders (GSU) at Coal jetty-1, VOCPT/ Thoothukudi were inaugurated.

Transmission

❖ Since 2021, 37 new substations have been commissioned with a capacity of 3,748 MVA.

❖ In 259 Substations, Additional / Enhancement of Power Transformers to a total capacity of 4,201 MVA have been commissioned.

❖ EHT lines to a length of 1,338.72 circuit kilometers have been energized.

❖ A new Hot line division has been formed at Korattur, to carry out electrical maintenance work in high voltage towers and substations without any power interruption.

Distribution

❖ 3 Regions with headquarters at Thanjavur, Tiruvannamalai and Karur have been formed.

❖ 11 New Divisions namely, Chepauk, Sholinganallur, Pallavaram, Denkanikottai, Pennagaram, Thiruvennainallur, Uthukuli, Vedasandur, Jayamkondan, Sathur and Gangavalli have been formed.

❖ 18.79 lakh new service connections have been effected.

❖ Under Mass Improvement Program, Overloaded and Low Voltage Distribution areas were identified and 8,905 new Distribution Transformers (5,705 Nos. DTs to reduce overload and 3,200 Nos. new DTs to rectify low voltage) were erected throughout the State during the year 2021-2022. Including this the total distribution transformer erected are 41,502 numbers.

❖ 36 New 33/11 kv Sub-stations have been commissioned.

❖ 11,524 kms of HT lines have been energized.

- 19,814 kms of LT lines have been energized.
- 15 Additional/Enhancement of Power Transformers in existing 33/11 kv Substations.
- Nodal Officers have been nominated for 234 Assembly constituencies to inform about the developments in their constituency to public.
- During North East Monsoon and Mandous Cyclone, damages caused in poles, lines, DTs etc., were rectified quickly and supply have been restored in a very short span of time.
- 34,35,968 Combined and Special Maintenance Works have been undertaken.
- In water logging areas at Chennai so far 4,370 pillar boxes have been heightened to one meter from the ground level.
- Also plinth height to about 1 meter for 41 power transformers in sub-stations were heightened. Marshalling Box of the 6 Nos. Power Transformers have been heightened 1 meter level to avoid water ingress during rainy season. Further, in some of the sub-stations, flood protection walls have been constructed to prevent water entry during rainy season in Dindigul, Kanniyakumari and Ramanathapuram area.
- Out of 5,692 RMUs, so far 4,654 RMUs have been installed.
- Among the announcements made during the assembly sessions, 11 announcements have been completed fully (100% implemented).

IT Initiatives

- The huge task of linking Aadhar was successfully completed in a very short time.
- Online Application portal for new Agriculture Service Connection has been developed.
- For processing of Tariff change applications Portal Development completed and deployed.
- Software for Refund of amount for the cancelled applications made online through Bank transfer.
- Single payment gateway for all Net Banking has been enabled.

Awards

- TANGEDCO had participated in SKOTCH Awards 2022 and received Golden Award for ERP Implementation.
- Silver SKOTCH award for installation of Automatic Meter Reading in Wind Energy Generators.
- TANGEDCO has participated in Indian Smart Grid Forum Innovation Award 2023 and received Diamond award for implementation of Automatic Meter Reading for Renewable generators.

- TANGEDCO has been awarded 'BEST EXPORTER AWARD' by Paradip Port Authority for the financial year 2021-2022 for handling Thermal Coal of 10.90 Million M.T.
- Received Business Excellence Award as 'Most Progressive State of the Year' towards implementation of AMR for RE Generators from "India Wind Energy Forum Leadership Awards 2023".

Savings

- Savings to the tune of around Rs. 2,745 crore have been achieved by various cost effective techniques viz., improved generation by efficient operation of the existing generating stations, reduction in interest payment etc.
- Savings to the tune of around Rs. 1,090 crore have been achieved by reducing the O&M cost in Thermal Stations, coal handling charges, CTU charges, loan interest rates, effective transport of coal from load port, enhancement of discharge quantity of coal, sale of fly ash and power swapping arrangements etc.
- Tariff concessions given to consumers after Tariff revision.
- Fixed charges of INR 20 to 50 bimonthly on Domestic consumers have been withdrawn and the energy charges alone being collected from the consumers. Due this concession, 2.35 crore of Domestic consumers are being benefitted in Tamil Nadu.
- Government has enhanced existing supply of free electricity from 200 units for two months to 300 units. Due to this enhancement, 73,642 Handloom weavers are being benefitted in Tamil Nadu.
- For Powerloom weavers the existing supply of free electricity from 750 units for two months has been enhanced to 1,000 units. Further, the reduction in tariff of 35 paise / unit for units 1,001 to 1,500 bimonthly and 70 paise /unit for units above 1,500 bimonthly has been provided as subsidy. Thus, 1,68,000 powerloom consumers in Tamil Nadu are praising this Government wholeheartedly.
- Further, Time of the Day (ToD) peak hour charges have been reduced from 25% to 15% for Low Tension MSME Industrial consumers. These reduced tariff charges are being provided as subsidy by the Government of Tamil Nadu. Due to this around 3.37 lakh of LT industries are being benefitted.

- To encourage and improve the reading habits among the public, the tariff has been approved as Domestic rate without subsidy thereby reducing current consumption charges by 30% for libraries running on non-commercial basis. Due to this, many libraries functioning in Tamil Nadu are being benefitted.

Tamil Nadu Energy Development Agency

Solar roof top systems in Government offices

- Installation of solar roof systems with a cumulative capacity of 1,259 kw in 332 Government Higher Secondary / High schools and also solar roof systems with a capacity of 879 kw in 223 Government higher secondary / High schools.
- Solar roof systems installed at the Highway Research and Training Center with a capacity of 65 kw Solar Rooftop System have been installed and 500 litter per day(LPD) 3 Solar powered hot water Systems are set up and in use.
- Solar Rooftop System with a capacity of 110 kw is being installed at Tamil Nadu Herbal Farms and Herbal Medicine Corporation (TAMPCOL). 50 numbers of 20w LED Solar Street lights are set up and in use.
- Solar roof top systems with a capacity of 160 kw have been installed in Hon'ble Madras High Court.
- Initiatives are being taken to install solar roofs / solar lights in temples.
- As a pioneer for all Government offices in Tamil Nadu, the charging station for public use at the Tamil Nadu Text book and Educational Services Corporation, Tamil Nadu Energy Development Agency (TEDA) has installed 25 kw Solar powered Electric Vehicle Services Charging Station.
- Two Solar powered EV charging station, each 100 kw capacity, one at the Secretariat complex and one at the Directorate of Public Instruction (DPI) Complex will be installed to promote e-mobility. TANII has accorded approval for the Detailed Project Report and sanctioned Rs. 1.50 crore for the projects.
- Grid Connected Roof Top Solar Systems Phase-II (GCRTS-II) awarded for domestic consumers. So far, 506 numbers of 1,956kw of GCRTS have been commissioned.
- Solar powered street lights for twenty check posts of Prohibition Enforcement Wing (PEW) for an amount of Rs.7.5 lakh have been installed.
- Tender will be floated for installation of 2 MW ground mounted Solar Power Plant for an amount of Rs.13 crore in the first phase of establishing a wind-Solar-Battery energy storage system at Kayathar.
- Tenders have been called for and opened for installation of Rooftop Solar Power Plants on the Government office buildings. The capacity proposed is 20 MW for an amount of Rs.120 crore.

Prohibition And Excise Department

E-Governance Initiatives in Prohibition and Excise Department

- Implementation of 74 services of the Prohibition and Excise Department, online with web-enabled applicationsis under process by National Informatics Center, at a cost of Rs.2.99 crore.
- Improving and Modernizing the Office of the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise Department.
- Improving and modernizing the Office of the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise Department, Chennai, at a cost of Rs.1.93 crore.

Rehabilitation Fund

❖ With a view to rehabilitating the erstwhile prohibition offenders socially and economically, financial assistance of Rs.3.93 crore is granted for 1,311 prohibition offenders at Rs.30,000 for them to take up self-employment.

Establishment of Grain based Distillery in Tamil Nadu

❖ At present Grain Extra Neutral Alcohol (GENA) is being imported from other States. It is under active consideration of the Government for allowing the Grain based Distillery in the State. The establishment of Grain based Distillery will generate additional revenue in terms of Administrative Service Fees (ASF) and GST and also create more employment opportunities in the State.

R.L. 4 Licence

❖ The licence was granted in favour of M/s. Omni Active Health Technologies, Ltd., Kundumaranapalli Village, Denkanikottai Taluk, Krishnagiri District, and also a licence in favour of Tvl. India Food Exports, 38C Meenakshi Salai, Erulappapuram, Nagercoil, Kanniyakumari District Under Tamil Nadu Rectified Spirit Rules, 2000.

Molasses

❖ To increase ethanol production, the Government has empowered the Distillery Officers to certify the ethanol produced from sugarcane juice and B-heavy molasses, for the first time in the State of Tamil Nadu.

❖ Sugar mills located within 1 km to 5 km from the water bodies are exempted from the Government Orders issued in 1989 and 1998 and are permitted to install ethanol plants by adaption of Zero Liquid Discharge.

❖ Installation of the ethanol plant in MRK Co-operative Sugar Mill, Sethiathoppu and Kallakurichi-1 Co-operative Sugar Mills. Meetings have been conducted in both the plants for public to voice out their opinions. Steps are being taken to obtain environmental clearances for these plants.

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The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu hoisted the National Flag on the ramparts of Fort St. George at the Secretariat on Independence Day and paid his respects-15.08.2022.

Distribution of food and groceries to affected people due to heavy rains caused by Mandous Cyclone - 10.12.2022

Handlooms and Textiles, Boodhan and Gramadhan

Hon'ble Minister for Handlooms and Textiles

Thiru. R. Gandhi

- The Government have ordered for creation of separate Commissionerate of Textiles by bifurcating the Department of Handlooms and Textiles and the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has inaugurated the new Department on 23.10.2021.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated 6 buildings at Thanjavur, Karur, Virudhunagar and Erode Districts at a cost of Rs.6.96 crore.
- Through the 'Weavers Grievance Redressal Cell' formed in the Commissionerate of Textiles, Weavers are conveying their grievances and availing the facilities of Grievance Cell over phone, online and e-mail.
- Under the Distribution of Sarees and Dhoties Scheme Pongal 2023, the Government has allotted an amount of Rs.493.64 crore and 1.78 crore Sarees and 1.77 crore dhoties were distributed to the beneficiaries.
- The Preloom wages given to the Handloom and Pedalloom Sarees have been increased to Rs.26.67 each and Rs.12.36 for

Dhoties produced under Distribution of Sarees and Dhoties Scheme.

- Under supply of uniform scheme, for the Academic Year 2022-2023, 5.34 crore meters of uniforms fabric are produced and supplied to the Social Welfare Department for distribution to 42.24 lakh students at a total cost of Rs.327.44 crore.
- The preloom wages given for Handloom and Pedalloom Casement have been increased to Rs.4.89 each and Rs.4.69 for Drill cloth varieties under Supply of Uniform Scheme.
- Weavers Mudra Scheme, a minimum loan of Rs.50,000 for cotton loom and Rs. 1,00,000 for silk loom are provided through Nationalized Banks at an interest rate of 6% per annum to all weavers / ancillary workers towards working capital and to meet out the financial requirements.
- Under Weaver MUDRA Scheme, loan amount of Rs.120.80 crore has been disbursed to 24,684 beneficiaries through banks.
- The Government has released Rs.160.11 crore to 857 Primary Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies and Co-optex to settle the pending rebate claims.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister honoured the first three Best Exporters who have contributed distributing certificates.
- Interest Subsidy amounting to Rs.14.02 crore has been released to Weavers Co-operative Societies during the year 2021-2022.
- Rs.11.96 crore has been released to 757 Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies during the year 2022-2023.
- Based on the initiatives taken by the Government of Tamil Nadu, the implementation of Kancheepuram Arignar Anna Handloom Silk Park has been revamped. 135 handlooms have been established and it is providing employment to 500 persons.
- Under the Handloom Cluster Development Programme, 1,255 Looms and Accessories, 42 Worksheds and 80 Solar Powered Lighting Units at the total cost of Rs.1.58 crore are being provided to the beneficiaries of 6 new Block Level Handloom Cluster.
- The Union Government has approved the implementation of 8 Cluster Development Programmes at the total cost of Rs. 9.33 crore, with Union Government Assistance of Rs.8.88 crore and Beneficiaries share of Rs.45.23 lakh.
- Rs.6.10 crore has been released to TANGEDCO towards Free Electricity for 73,306 Handloom Weavers.
- Rs.370.46 crore has been released to TANGEDCO towards Free and Subsidised Electricity for 1,38,097 Powerloom Weavers.
- The 406 Temporary employees who have been working in 246 Weavers Co-operative societies for more than 10 years have been made permanent.
- Pay Commission has been implemented for the 1,033 permanent staff working in Weavers Co-operative Societies and accordingly their pay and allowances have been revised in the new increased pay scale.
- An Electronic Jacquard Machines Service center at a cost of Rs.10 lakh has been set up and started functioning at the Weavers Training Center for the benefit of 22 Silk Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies in Kancheepuram.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has felicitated the prizes for best Handloom weavers for cotton and Silk categories and distributing certificates and Cheques at a cost of Rs.4.50 lakh.
- To reduce the interest burden on cash credit of the Weavers Co-operative Societies Interest Subsidy Rs.10.73 crore has been released.
- In order to improve the Design Skills of Handloom Weavers, Design Skills Training has been provided to 300 weavers through Weavers Service Centre.
- In order to facilitate business through e-Commerce training is provided to 300 Weavers of Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies through Natesan Institute of Co-operative Management, Chennai and Institute of Co-operative Management, Madurai.

- Silk pavadai sattai, linen sarees, organic kids wear, an exclusive children's garments as per the design input provided by the professional designers from NID, NIFT were introduced under "Tamil Thari" brand by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.
- Kancheepuram Co-optex assures its customers the purity and to ensure the content percentage of Gold and Silver on their purchased Zari products, an unique 'Zari Authenticity Card' has been introduced and is being attached in all the sarees.
- An exclusive Organic Cotton kids wear for kids upto 2 years old ensuring high quality features like non-allergic to skin, breathability & softness, were introduced and sold through 5 Co-optex showrooms at Chennai.
- Rs. 2.10 crore value of silk varieties were sold in the Silk Festival held at Chennai and Salem.
- Salesmanship Training has been given for 350 Sales staff of Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies and Cooptex by the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International School of Textiles and Management, Coimbatore to improve sales efficiency.
- 12% pay revision has been implemented to all permanent staff of six functioning mills. 75 employees working in the functioning Mills have been benefitted.
- Cocoon market has been inaugurated in Rasipuram, Namakkal District and 112.345 Metric Tonnes of cocoons have been transacted for a value of Rs.8.84 lakh.
- Co-optex has introduced for the first time exquisite design collection varieties, viz., Designer collection, Signature collection, Heritage collection and Award winning collection produced with innovative designs / colours patterns to suit to the contemporary market during Deepavali 2022 sales in 25 major showrooms of Co-optex to improve the Deepavali 2022 sales.
- Co-optex has achieved sales to the tune of Rs.367.82 crore through its sales outlets.
- 316 new Designs under the categories of Silk Sarees, Silk Stoles, Cotton & Kora Sarees and Home Furnishings have been introduced by the Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies.
- One National Handloom Exhibition, Four State Handloom Exhibition and Two District Handloom Exhibitions were organised at a cost of Rs.1.58 crore.
- Co-optex is in the process of establishing a signature model showroom in the name of 'Handlooms of India' to display unique handloom products of 8 States across India to attract the customers and know the exquisiteness of hand woven products.
- Co-optex Organization has installed Toll Free number to address the customers grievances if any for redressal.
- Applications have been received from 97 entrepreneurs for setting up Mini Textile Parks across Tamil Nadu.
- For conducting a Feasibility Study and preparing a Master Plan to establish Textile City in Chennai a sum of Rs. One crore has been sanctioned.

- In order to create awareness of Technical Textiles and their contribution to the socio-economic development of the State, first time the Department of Textiles, Government of Tamil Nadu in association with the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, and CII organised the International Conference on Technical Textiles at Hotel Feathers, Chennai on 25.11.2022 and 26.11.2022.
- Handloom Weavers in both Urban and Rural areas are being provided subsidy of Rs. 4 lakh each for construction of houses, at a total cost of Rs.21 crore.
- A High-level Government delegation of Principal Secretary and Commissioner of Textiles headed by the Hon'ble Minister for Handlooms and Textiles visited the Japantex-2022, an International Textile Fair held in Tokyo, Japan and visited various textile manufacturing units, and textile machinery manufacturing units and held various discussions regarding the business-friendly environment in Tamil Nadu, and invited the Japanese Industry to invest in Tamil Nadu.
- To sustain and further enhance the status of Tamil Nadu as one of the top States in India in the field of textiles, and to give advice and recommendations for technological development of the sector, a Technical Advisory Committee, comprising of Industry experts, Research/ Educational Institutions, Universities, and Industrial Pioneers has been constituted.
- Administrative permission has been issued to increase the wages of 12% onward to permanent administrative and technical staff and working in the 6 Co-operative Spinning Mills as per the recommendation of the 7th Pay Commission.
- Administrative permission has been given to increase the wages of Rs.2,500 per month to 421 permanent workers working in Anna, Bharathi, Kanniyakumari, Krishnagiri, Pudukkottai and Ramanathapuram District Co-operative Mills.
- In order to improve the quality and production of yarn, action has been initiated to purchase 10 Auto Coner machines worth Rs.26.50 crore, 6 Yarn Conditioning Machines worth Rs.2.04 crore and 2 Compact Spinning machines worth Rs.2.72 crore in 6 co-operative spinning mills.
- Under the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Handloom Weavers Old Age Pension Scheme, on attaining age of 60 years, Old Age Pension of Rs.1,000 per month per beneficiary, totalling Rs.65.54 crore has been provided to 26,434 Handloom Weavers.
- Under the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Handloom Weavers Family Pension Scheme, Family Pension of Rs.1,000 per month per beneficiary, totalling Rs.3.03 crore has been provided to the Nominees of 1,149 deceased handloom weavers.
- Increase in current free electricity from 200 units to 300 units for handloom weavers and from 750 units to 1,000 units for powerloom weavers at an additional expenditure of Rs.53 crore.
- To ensure uninterrupted power, Rs.1.75 crore has been released for the Installation of 11 KV of Dedicated Electrical Power Feeder in Bharathi, Pudukkottai, and Kanniyakumari District co-operative mills.
- Power tillers are being procured at a cost of Rs.1.75 crore and it will be supplied to 500 sericulture pioneer farmers.
- Rs.9.86 crore has been provided as financial assistance to 838 sericulture farmers for construction of separate silkworm rearing sheds.
- Rs.24.36 lakh has been sanctioned by the State Government for providing subsidy to entrepreneurs for establishment of 10 new Silk Twisting Units in the year 2022-2023, so as to encourage quality silk production and State Government share of Rs.2.43 lakh has been provided to 1 entrepreneur for establishing 1 Silk Twisting Unit.
- State Government share of Rs.1.20 crore has been released to Public Works Department for construction of cold storage building for the new multi-graded cold storage unit with a preservation capacity of one crore silkworm eggs which is to be established at Hosur, Krishnagiri

District and the construction work is completed. Installation of Cold Storage machineries are under process.

- New Government cocoon market has been inaugurated in Rasipuram, Namakkal District and 158.044 Metric Tonnes of cocoons have been transacted for a value of Rs.8.22 crore. The Government have generated revenue of Rs.12.34 lakh from the levy collected in this cocoon market.
- The Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation is about to celebrate its Golden Jubilee on its 50th year completion during the year 2023. The Golden Jubilee year will be celebrated in a grand manner with a financial assistance of Rs. One crore.
- The Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation (Poompuhar) is implementing a project called Craft Tourism Village at Mamallapuram near Chennai for the benefit of artisans and tourism development. Setting up of the Sculpture of stupa in Craft Tourism Village at the entrance of Mamallapuram was done and it was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 27.07.2022. This is expected to make the Mamallapuram a world-renowned center for artisans of stone sculpture.
- The Kallakurichi wood carving, Karuppur Kalamkari painting, Thanjavur pith work and Arumbavur wood carving have obtained GI Tag through efforts of Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation Ltd., which were released by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.
- Tamil Nadu week was celebrated in the Indian pavilion of Dubai Expo-2022 at Dubai. Tamil Nadu rich culture, tradition and industries exhibitions was showcased in the Expo. The exhibition was inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 25.03.2022.
- Eleven Common Facility Centers at Swamimalai, Nachiarkoil, Thanjavur, Madurai, Vagaikulam, Kancheepuram, Ambasamudram, Kanniyakumari, Thammampatti, Arumbavur and Hasanur has been established. Nearly 5,000 artisans get benefit by these Common Facility Centers. These Common Facility Centers have been established at a cost of Rs.60 lakh each funded by the Government of India and Government of Tamil Nadu.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister also inaugurated on 13.04.2022 two more common facility centres established towards revival of languishing crafts, such as Pathamadai Korai mat at Tirunelveli and Clay and Terracotta at Vikravandi, Viluppuram District. These two common facility centres have been constructed at a cost of Rs.47 lakh. Nearly 2,500 artisans get benefited by these Common Facility Centers.
- The Specially designed items 'Mamallapuram Seashore Temple' and 'Chess Thambi', miniatures of Bharathiyar and Thiruvalluvar, historical monuments, paintings as well as craft items sourced from artisans were displayed and sold at the 44th - Chess Olympiad exhibition at Mamallapuram and also through various Poompuhar Sales showrooms.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has launched the sale of block printed Silk Sarees in the name of 'Aathirai Collections', soft cotton sarees (Muslin Sarees), bed sheets and bed spreads with new colour tones and designs on 23.10.2021.
- On the eve of 7th National Handloom Day, Special Sales Campaigns have been conducted to promote the sale of Handloom goods and sales to the tune of Rs. 26.83 lakh was effected.
- 6 State Level Handloom Expos and 1 National Handloom Expos were sanctioned at a cost of Rs.1.17 crore. 6 State Level Handloom Expos were conducted and sales to the tune of Rs.3.29 crore was effected.
- A Mobile App called "tnkhadi" which work on Android and IOS platform has been launched to attract the younger generation in particular. Sale of Khadi Village Products to the tune of Rs.2.86 lakh has been achieved through online sale.

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Inaugurates Chennai Sangamam-'Namma Ooru, Thiruvizha' on behalf of the Art and Culture Department. – 13.01.2023.

Inauguration of Periyar Ninaivu Samathuvapuram in Sivagangai District and addressing the beneficiaries– 08.06.2022.

Health, Medical Education and Family Welfare

Hon’ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare

Thiru. Ma.Subramanian

- The upgradation of 300 Bedded COVID Hospital was done in Government Peripheral Hospital, Periyar Nagar, Chennai, at a cost of Rs.6.52 crore.
- Advanced Robotic Surgery Centre was started at Tamil Nadu Government Multi Super Speciality Hospital, Omandurar Government Estate, Chennai at a cost of Rs. 34.60 crore.
- National Medical Commission was obtained for admission of 150 MBBS students each in the 7 New Government Medical colleges viz., Virudhunagar, The Nilgiris, Dindigul, Nagapattinam, Krishnagiri, Kallakurichi and Ariyalur and 100 MBBS students each in the 4 New Government Medical colleges viz., Ramanathapuram, Tiruppur, Namakkal and Thiruvallur.
- Expediating the creation of infrastructure and manpower by this Government led to the admission of 1,450 MBBS students in the academic year.

- 200 MBBS seats have been increased at Coimbatore Medical College.
- 146 Post Graduate (MD/MS) seats in 40 Specialties in 15 Government Medical Colleges and 21 Postgraduate (Super Speciality) seats in 11 specialities in 6 Government Medical Colleges were created.
- Digital Display Board is being Displayed at the Entrance of all the Medical College Hospitals.
- Cancer Screening in the Geriatric inpatient admitted wards in all Government Medical College Hospitals has been done.
- The Government of India has implemented 27% OBC reservation (Non-creamy layer) in the 15% AIQ UG seats and the 50% All India Quota seats (MBBS/BDS and MD/MS/MDS) (contributed by the State/UTs).
- Preferential reservation of 7.5% of Government Medical Seats for Students Studying in Government Schools. 902 MBBS and 226 BDS seats were allotted to Government School Students. Revolving Fund has been created with Rs.16 crore to enable payment of all types of essential fees and hostel fees for the students.
- Isolation wards are functioning with all infrastructure needed for COVID Care. Special RT PCR Laboratories have been established in all Government Medical Institutions.
- For the Management of the COVID Pandemic, all Government Medical College Hospitals Post COVID Clinics are functioning with all infrastructure to cater to the COVID patient needs.
- In the College of Pharmacy, Madurai Medical College, Madurai, M.Pharm PG seats have been increased to 45.
- Emergency Care and Recovery Care will be extended to 22 Government Medical College Hospitals to rehabilitate wandering mentally ill patients.
- Special Counselling will be provided by Mental Health Experts to children suffering from "Internet Addiction" disease in all Government Medical College Hospitals.
- Cognitive Rehabilitation Day Care Centres will be established in all Medical College Hospitals for Elderly and Mentally Ill patients.
- Audiology tests will be done to identify deafness among newborn infants in Government Medical College Hospitals.
- A Pulmonary Rehabilitation Centre will be established in the Government Hospital of Thoracic Medicine, Tambaram.
- The Stem Cell Research Centre functioning in Government Stanley Medical College Hospital, Chennai will be upgraded to the Department of Regenerative Medicine and Research at a cost of Rs.2.44 crore.
- A Bed Sores Care Unit with 10 Special Beds will be established in all Government Medical College Hospitals for patients suffering from Bed Sores.
- The establishment of Multi Super Speciality Hospital in South Chennai was done at a cost of Rs. 230 crore.

Directorate of Medical Education

- The Center of Excellence exclusively for cancer diseases is being established in the Government Arignar Anna Memorial Cancer Hospital, Karapettai, Kancheepuram at a total cost of Rs.120 crore. Further, works are in progress to upgrade the centre of excellence to 750 beds by upscaling the (G+2) Structure with the 3 additional Floors

(G+5) to cater services to more patients and bring holistic and comprehensive cancer care facility in Tamil Nadu, at a cost of Rs. 100 crore.

- ❖ The Government Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine, KK Nagar, Chennai has been upgraded as a Centre of Excellence with a financial Sanction of Rs. 27.95 crore.
- ❖ The Government have sanctioned Rs. 60 crore and Rs. 4.94 crore for Neuro Science Block Buildings and Medical Gas Pipeline Connection & Medical Equipments respectively in KK Nagar Constituency.
- ❖ The Government has permitted the construction of a building with a master health checkup facility at Government Peripheral Hospital, Periyar Nagar with a financial sanction of Rs. 71.88 crore.
- ❖ The Union Government permitted the financial Sanction of Rs. One crore for specialized Genetic Laboratory at Institute of Child Health, Egmore to find Rare Cases of Genetic diseases.
- ❖ Skill Centers are Established in 17 Medical Colleges, and the training for the development of Skills has been given to Medical officers and other Employees, at a cost of Rs. 50.16 crore.
- ❖ Establishment of CeMONC in Government Sivagangai Medical College and Hospital, at a cost of Rs. 11.74 crore.
- ❖ As per 7.5% internal Reservation for Government School students to pursue medicine and dental medicine courses, 1,137 students have benefited with Laptops, at a cost of Rs. 1.68 crore.
- ❖ Construction of Tower Block at Kilpauk Medical College, Chennai, at a cost of Rs. 125 crore.
- ❖ Construction of the New CeMONC building at Kilpauk Medical College, Chennai, at a cost of Rs. 24 crore.

Department of Medical And Rural Health Services

- ❖ A sum of Rs.18.56 crore to Commission the 70 PSA Plants to Various Government Medical Institutions/Government Hospitals.
- ❖ In the newly announced 6 Districts, posts of Joint Director of Health Services have been created.
- ❖ 250 Staff Nurses who were working on a contract basis have been absorbed into regular time scale pay.

- Construction of MCH Wings in 6 District Government Hospitals at a total cost of Rs.41.34 crore.

- Construction of Eye OT wards with Operation Theatre in 5 District Government Hospitals at a total cost of Rs.3 crore.

- Establishment of Comprehensive Emergency Care Centres in Krishnagiri, Coimbatore, Salem and Ariyalur Government Hospitals, at a total cost of Rs.13.53 crore.

- Establishment of a Hybrid High Dependency Unit (HHDU) in Two TAEI Centres at Harur and Tindivanam Government Hospitals at a cost of Rs.50 lakh.

- Under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana a total amount of Rs.62 crore has been given to 101 Government frontline workers /23 Private frontline workers who were deceased during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Construction of Additional Buildings in Ramanathapuram District, Government Hospital Paramakudi, Tiruppur District, Government Hospital Udumalpet, Dindigul District Government Hospital, Palani, Krishnagiri District Government Hospital Hosur, Nagapattinam District Government Hospital Vedaranyam, Kallakurichi District, Government Hospital Ulundurpet, Coimbatore District, Government Hospital Valparai, Tiruvarur District, Government Hospital, Tiruthuraipoondi, Thiruvallur District, Government Hospital, Poonamallee at a cost Rs.78.17 crore.

- Construction of DEIC building in Kancheepuram District, Government Headquarters Hospital Kancheepuram, Kallakurichi District, Government Headquarters Hospital Kallakurichi, Thirupathur District Government Hospital Thirupathur, Tenkasi District Government Headquarters Hospital, Tenkasi, Ranipet District Government Headquarters Hospitals Wallajapet at a cost of Rs.5.70 crore.

- Construction of new building in Government Hospitals Jayankondam (Ariyalur District), Tambaram (Chengalpattu District), Palani (Dindigul District), Thirukovilur (Kallakurichi District), Karur (Karur District), Hosur (Krishnagiri District), Mayiladuthurai (Mayiladuthurai District), Vedaranyam (Nagapattinam District), Rasipuram (Namakkal District), Aranthangi (Pudukkottai District), Paramakudi (Ramanathapuram District), Gudalur (The Nilgiris District), Valliyur (Tiruneveli District), Tiruttani (Thiruvallur District), 41 Thirupathur (Thirupathur District), Kangeyam (Tiruppur District), Gudiyatham (Vellore District), Tindivanam (Viluppuram District) and Aruppukkottai (Virudhunagar District) for Upgradation as District Headquarters Hospital and also in Government Hospitals Kulithalai (Karur District), Thiruchenkodu (Namakkal District), Ambasamudram (Tirunelveli District), Dharapuram (Tiruppur District), Tenkasi (Tenkasi District) and Rajapalayam (Virudhunagar District) for upgradation on par with District Headquarters Hospitals at a cost of Rs.1,018.85 crore.

- Construction of Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Building in Government Headquarters Hospitals, Manapparai (Tiruchirappalli District), Pennagaram (Dharmapuri District) and Government Hospitals in Saidapet (Chennai), Lalgudi and Thuraiyur (Tiruchirappalli District), Pattukkottai (Thanjavur District), Cumbum 42 (Theni District) and Avinashi (Tiruppur District) at a cost of Rs.67.30 crore.

- Establishment of Special Newborn Care Unit (SNCU) in Government Hospitals, Srirangam (Tiruchirappalli District) and

Mettupalayam (Coimbatore District) at a cost of Rs.60 lakh.

- Establishment of Comprehensive Emergency Care in Government Hospitals, Thirupattur (Sivagangai District), Sattur (Virudhunagar District), Virudhachalam (Cuddalore District), Chengam (Tiruvannamalai District) and Palacode (Dharmapuri District) at a cost of Rs.11.62 crore.
- Construction of a New Building in Government Taluk Hospital, Uthiramerur, Kancheepuram District at a cost of Rs.10 crore.
- Establishment of Poison Management Centre in Government Hospital, Kalakadu, Tirunelveli District at a cost of Rs.40 lakh.
- Establishment of Emergency Care and Recovery Centre (ECRC) in Government Hospital, Vandavasi, Tiruvannamalai District at a cost of Rs.5 crore.
- Establishment of a Blood Storage Unit in Government Hospital, Sengottai, Tenkasi District at a cost of Rs.15 lakh.
- Establishment of a Trauma Registry in Government Headquarters Hospital, Cuddalore, Kancheepuram, Erode and Perambalur at a cost of Rs.20.78 lakh.
- Construction of a Modern Post mortem building along with the provision of equipment in Government Hospital, Yercaud, Salem District at a cost of Rs.1.05 crore.
- Establishment of 100 bedded Critical Care blocks in Government Headquarters Hospital, Cuddalore and 50 bedded Critical Care blocks in Government Hospitals in Ottanchathiram (Dindigul District), Sirkazhi (Mayiladuthurai District), Melur (Madurai District) and Uthankarai (Krishnagiri District), at a cost of Rs. 135 crore.
- Establishment of District Integrated Public Health Laboratory (DPHL) in Government Headquarters Hospitals at Valliyur (Tirunelveli District), Mettur Dam (Salem District), Tambaram (Chengalpattu District), Tiruttani (Thiruvallur District), Tirupathur (Tirupathur District), Palani (Dindigul District), Manapparai (Tiruchirappalli District), Pollachi (Coimbatore District), Usilampatti (Madurai District) and Cheyyar (Tiruvannamalai District) and Government Hospital, Saidapet (Chennai District) at a cost of Rs.12.50 crore.

Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Program

- Various schemes are being implemented in hospitals at a cost of Rs. 148.29 crore.
- Construction of a new Tower Block Building and Supply of Equipment in Kilpauk Government Medical College Hospital for upgrading Super Speciality treatment at a cost of Rs.125 crore.
- Construction of a New building with equipment for the Neuro science block at Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital, Chennai to provide definitive treatment for the neuro patients at the earliest, at a cost of Rs.65 crore.
- Strengthening of Government Rehabilitation Centre, KK Nagar by providing additional HR, Equipment and Building to provide definitive Rehabilitative Care at a cost of Rs.32.70 crore.
- Construction of an additional building with equipment for the Comprehensive Emergency Obstetrics and Newborn Care (CEmONC) Centre at Government Medical College Hospital, Sivagangai, to protect the mother and child's health during pregnancy, at a cost of Rs.11.74 crore.

- Provision of High-end Ophthalmic Equipment to the Regional Institute of Ophthalmology (RIO), Chennai to improve High-end Ophthalmic treatment at a cost of Rs.8 crore.
- Construction of a New Building with CT-scan and Equipment to Government Hospital, Vandavasi - Tiruvannamalai District to provide definitive treatment for the patients at a cost of Rs. 5 crore.
- Establishment of Pay-ward in Government Medical College Hospital at Coimbatore, Madurai and Salem to provide treatment with additional amenities at a cost of Rs.3 crore.
- Strengthening of Government Hospital, Periyar Nagar by providing Additional HR, Equipment and Building to provide complete treatment to patients at a cost of Rs.2.90 crore.
- Providing CT-Scan and C-arm with compatible fracture table in Sub District Hospital, Harur, Dharmapuri District to improve the quality of trauma care treatment at a cost of Rs.2.30 crore.
- Establishment of Master Health check-up and women's special Master health check-up unit at Government Stanley Medical College Hospital by providing equipment to provide master health check ups for the patients at a cost of Rs.1.65 crore.
- Appointment of Quality Managers in 32 Government medical colleges to assist the Dean / Medical Superintendent in maintaining quality standards to maintain the quality standards in Government Medical College Hospitals at a cost of Rs.1.27 crore.
- Establishment of Blood storage unit in Karaiyur Community Health Center (CHC) and Pudhunagar CHC - Pudukkottai District, Poovanthi CHC - Sivagangai District, Thayalpatti Upgraded - Primary Health Center (UGPHC) and Zamin Kollan Kondan CHC - Virudhunagar District, Managalam UGPHC - Tiruvannamalai District, Pudukkottai CHC - Thoothukudi District, Sengottai GH - Tenkasi District to provide emergency treatment at a cost of Rs.1.20 crore.

- Establishment of Post-Mortem Services in Yercaud Government Hospital, Salem District by providing Building and Equipment at a cost of Rs.1.05 crore.
- Modern Laparoscopic instruments will be provided to Tiruvannamalai, Ariyalur Government Medical College Hospitals and Kovilpatti Government Hospital, at a cost of Rs. One crore.
- Provision of a Mobile Blood Collection Van, HPLC Machine & Consumables to the Nilgiris Government Medical College Hospital to provide emergency treatment at a cost of Rs.50 lakh.
- Establishment of Snake Bite Poison Management Centre in Kalakkad Government Hospital, Tirunelveli District, to provide emergency treatment for snake bite patients at a cost of Rs.40 lakh.
- Construction of Nursing Quarters in Rajadhani Primary Health Center, Theni District, to ensure the availability of 24-hour services to the patients, at a cost of Rs.30 lakh.
- Provision of C-arm with fracture table for Paramakudi Government Hospital, Ramanathapuram District, at a cost of Rs.20 lakh.

Tamil Nadu Urban Health Project

- There are 542 Covid-19 Ambulances and the total number of beneficiaries benefitted through the dedicated COVID-19 Ambulances is 6,30,549 in Tamil Nadu.
- The emergency ambulance fleet was increased to 1,353 benefitting 16,41,943 beneficiaries.
- An amount of Rs.15,000 as a special allowance to the ambulance associates of those who acted as Corona Warriors.
- The “Nammai Kaakum 48” scheme has benefitted 30,086 persons.
- FHS & JSSK services operated by IRCS were handed over to GVKEMRI services.
- Provision of Modern Hi-tech Medical Equipment to Government Rajaji Hospital, Madurai, Kilpauk Medical College Hospital, Chennai, and Coimbatore Medical College Hospital, Coimbatore, at a cost of Rs.484.19 crore.
- Provision of Modern Hi-tech Medical Equipment at the Government Hospitals in Avadi, Ammapettai, Velampalayam and Kandiyaperi at a cost of Rs.41.64 crore.
- Provision of Hospital Management Training, Medical Equipment Handling Training, Infectious Disease Detection and Prevention methods to Physicians, Nurses and Paramedics at a cost of Rs.8.31 crore.
- Covid-19 Laboratory Centres at the Government Hospitals in Ramanathapuram-Paramakudi, Thoothukudi-Kovilpatti, Trichy-Manaparai,Tiruppur-Udumalaipettai, Coimbatore- Pollachi, Tiruvarur-Mannarkudi District, Thanjavur-Kumbakonam, Virudhunagar-Sivakasi, Government Multi Super Speciality Hospital, Omanthurar, Chennai, at a total cost of Rs.12 crore.
- Provision of new buildings to the tertiary care hospitals in the Thiruvallur-Avadi, Salem-Ammapettai, Tiruppur-Velampalayam and Tirunelveli- Kandiyaperi, at a total cost of Rs.107.25 crore.
- Provision of new buildings to the Secondary care hospitals in the Thiruvallur-Avadi, Salem-Ammapettai, Tiruppur-Velampalayam and Tirunelveli- Kandiyaperi, at a total cost of Rs.30.11 crore.

104 - Health Help Line Service

- During the II phases of the COVID-19 Pandemic, 104 HHL has been integrated with Unified Command Centre at NHM (National Health Mission) to assist and support the enquiry relating to bed availability and O2 Cylinder availability.
- Covid-19 calls of 6,57,737 beneficiaries were served.
- Handling suicidal prevention counselling for 1,10,971 NEET aspirants.
- Post-traumatic stress management counselling was given to 1,524 Indian students who had returned from Ukraine.
- MoU was signed between Sneha suicide prevention centre and 104 Health helpline.

Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme

- Under the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme, Insurance amount to Rs. One lakh per family for four years, 1.34 crore families covered and 3.43 lakh patients treated at a cost of Rs.873.81 crore.
- The Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme increased annual family income to Rs.1,20,000.
- 1,414 journalists and periodical journalists with renewed press identity cards have been enrolled as beneficiaries under the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance scheme without any income ceiling.
- 31,179 persons have been treated for COVID at a cost of Rs. 382.13 crore.
- 2,056 persons have been treated for Mucormycosis at a cost of Rs.5.94 crore.
- 32,23,064 persons have been tested for RT-PCR at a cost of Rs.182.64 crore.
- Under the Chief Minister's comprehensive health insurance scheme, the COVID Testing fee was reduced to Rs.250, Pooled samples to Rs.75 and Non-CMCHIS beneficiaries in private labs for testing fees to Rs.400 were reduced.
- 11,920 beneficiaries have been approved for these high-end surgeries at a cost of Rs.966.05 crore from the Corpus Fund.
- Under the "Innuyir Kappom - Nammai Kakkum 48" scheme, 1,51,020 persons benefitted at a cost of Rs.133.31 crore.

Department of Public Health And Preventive Medicine

- State Emergency Operation Centre (SEOC) and 24x7 Emergency call centre have been established.
- At the State and District level, 24-hour war rooms have been created.1,25,127 COVID beds are available readily.
- Additional 79,618 beds have been raised of which 26,126 are oxygen beds.
- 3,075 doctors, 5,362 nurses, 1,362 medical staff, 626 health inspectors and 5,828 health workers have been appointed to control the spread of the infection.
- Additionally, 8,720 Oxygen concentrators were augmented. State and District war rooms have been established to monitor the oxygen shortage.
- The volume of liquid oxygen storage depots has been increased to 1,513 MT.
- 501 additional Covid Care Centers (CCC) and 62 AYUSH Corona Care Centres have been established.
- To test for COVID-19 RT- PCR tests there are 342 Government and private RT-PCR laboratories.

- 222 PSA plants have been set up in Government Medical College Hospitals and District Health Quarters hospitals.
- Mega Vaccination camps have been conducted weekly.
- 25,000 frontline workers are carrying out Mosquito Eradication work to prevent the spread of Dengue Fever.
- Currently undergoing measures to permanently eliminate the spread of Malaria by 2030.
- 1,57,28,139 were tested for Malaria and 772 of them were diagnosed with Malaria and given complete treatment.
- Tamil Nadu is spending Rs.9.62 crore towards Financial Assistance of Rs.1,000 per month to all Grade-IV Filaria patients and so far, 8,023 persons are the beneficiaries.
- 3.61 lakh persons are given medical advice through '104' Health Helpline Service.
- Under National Health Mission funds, the construction of outpatient wards at 29 Primary Health Centres, Staff Nurse and medical officer quarters at a cost of Rs.22.72 crore has been sanctioned.
- 4,64,731 camps were conducted by Hospital on Wheels from which 3,46,41,139 persons benefited.
- National Health Mission has sanctioned a sum of Rs.70.02 crore for the procurement of new 389 Mobile Medical Unit Vehicles to provide medical services to remote and hamlet villages.
- Under Kalaignar's Varum Mun Kappom Thittam, Government Order was issued for conducting 1,155 camps in 385 blocks at the cost of Rs.3.85 crore.
- Under Kalaignar's Varum Mun Kappom Thittam, 1,250 camps are to be conducted annually and the total funds allotted for this scheme is Rs.4.16 crore. 2,681 camps were conducted benefitting 23.09 lakh persons.
- Kalaignarin Varumun Kappom Thittam to Corporations for conducting additional 95 camps at the cost of Rs.31.68 lakh has been accorded for conducting 95 camps in Greater Chennai Corporation and other Corporations.

Menstrual Hygiene Programme

- 43.34 lakh Adolescent girls in the age group

of 10-19 years are getting 8.4 crore beltless Sanitary Napkins packs every year.

- 5.07 lakh Post Natal Mothers delivered in the Government Institutions are benefited for every year in this Programme.
- 3,000 Women Prison inmates and 1,900 Women as patients in the Institute of Mental Health have benefitted every year from this programme.
- Rs.113.10 crore has been procured and distributed the Sanitary Napkins to the beneficiaries annually.
- Under the Palli Sirar Kannoli Kappom Thittam (KKT),1,55,909 School children were screened and arranged for providing spectacles.
- The Amma Baby Care Kit contains 16 items and 4,49,019 delivered mothers have benefited at a cost of Rs.87.50 crore.
- Awareness is being created in every house with the aim of making Tamil Nadu free of iodine deficiency.
- Under the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) scheme, 3,269 children were screened and follow-up was done in 45,895 Government and Government Aided Schools and 54,439 Anganwadi Centres.
- Under the Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK) scheme, 2,90,413 Adolescents were treated with Clinical Services and 2,67,309 Adolescents were given Counselling Services.
- Various trainings have been given to 16,733 employees in the Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine.
- 9.15 lakh Infants and 16 lakh pregnant women were covered under this UIP programme and the State is consistently achieving Immunization coverage of over 99 per cent.
- Improvement of the State Full Immunization Coverage at 100 per cent.
- The State had attained a “Polio Free Status” for the past 18 years.
- 38 Mega Covid Vaccination camps were being conducted and 5,51,30,576 vaccine doses have been provided.
- 12,72,21,425 beneficiaries have been Vaccinated in both GCVC & PCVC.
- In Tamil Nadu, counselling was given to 12,349 persons to quit tobacco usage through Tobacco Cessation Centers.
- By conducting Awareness programs regarding the ill effects of Tobacco usage, 1,067 schools and 243 colleges were declared as Tobacco Free Educational Institutions (ToFEI).
- Training programs were conducted for 1,376 persons about the ill effects of Tobacco usage and Tobacco Control laws, through 31 training programs.
- Dr.Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme (MRMBS) to 12.21 lakh pregnant women were given financial assistance of Rs.18,000 each, at a total cost of Rs.1,136.85 crore has been allocated.
- Under the Universal Health Coverage scheme, The Government has provided permission to transform 4,848 Health Sub-Centres, 1,384 Primary Health Centres, 460 Urban Primary Health Centres and 650 AYUSH Primary Health Centres were made as Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs). 500 Urban Primary Health Centres have been newly established.

- To engage 4,848 MLHPs and 2,448 MPHW (Male) / Health Inspector Grade-II on a contract basis.
- 369 Hubs and 5,996 Spokes have provided services to 3,12,63,495 beneficiaries under E-Sanjeevani.
- Under the “Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam” scheme, so far 95.31 lakh beneficiaries have obtained first-time services and in addition to this, 2.11 crore beneficiaries have obtained follow-up care services.
- The FC-XV has sanctioned a health grant amounting to a sum of Rs.805.93 crore to the State of Tamil Nadu.

Department of Indian Medicine and Homeopathy

- The Directorate of Indian Medicine and Homeopathy has established an exclusive Research and Development Wing.
- Provision of Siddha Medicines to High Blood Pressure and Diabetes patients under the “Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam” scheme.
- 110 Indian Medicine Pharmacies have been upgraded into Health and Wellness Centres at a cost of Rs. 32 crore.
- MoU has been signed between Tamil Nadu State Medicinal Plants Board and Tamil Nadu Agricultural College to protect the endangered medicinal plants.
- MoU has been signed for procurement of Tampcol medicines through the Government Co-operative Societies and Khadi and Village Industries Corporation.
- Government Siddha Medical College at the Arignar Anna Government Hospital of Indian Medicine campus.
- The monthly pension for Traditional medicine practitioners has been enhanced from Rs.1,000 to Rs.3,000.
- An integrated Siddha Hospital with 50 beds facility will be established in the Namakkal District.
- Additional equipment will be procured for the increased production of medicine at a cost of Rs.50 lakh for the first manufacturing unit of TAMPCOL Company at Alathur, Kancheepuram District.
- The ISM drugs manufactured by the private companies will be drug analyzed for quality check and quality certification will be issued by the Research and Development Lab of the DIM&H.
- Government Order has been issued for the launching of three new courses at the Government Unani Medical College and two courses have been started this year.
- 130 Assistant Medical Officers have been recruited through the Medical Services Recruitment Board (MRB).

Tamil Nadu State Health Transport Department

- Proper transfer of used and surrendered 108 Ambulances to other needy programmes is done in a transparent and systematic manner by following a Centralized Mechanism.
- Unutilized 108 Ambulances have been allotted to other needy programmes to maintain a ‘Common Pool of Health Department Vehicles’.
- 107 complaints were received and resolved through HICORP.
- 4,700 persons were contacted through the Feedback Programme with regard to the quality of services offered.

National Health Mission - Tamil Nadu

- Tamil Nadu Population Health Registry and Health IT Platform have been established at a total cost of 6,60,09,980 beneficiaries have

already been provided with Unique Health Identification (UHID).

- ❖ 188 Ambulances have been procured at a total cost of Rs.69.18 crore for strengthening the existing 108 Emergency Ambulance Services.
- ❖ 17 RT-PCR equipments have been installed in the needy Laboratories at a cost of Rs.5.10 crore.
- ❖ Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) laboratory has been established at a cost of Rs.4 crore at the State Public Health Lab, DMS Complex, Chennai.
- ❖ 10 Ultrasound machines have been procured at a cost of Rs.1.10 crore and provided to 10 Urban Primary Health Centres.
- ❖ Spirometers have been procured at a cost of Rs.56.62 lakh and supplied to 38 Government Hospitals to assess Lung function.
- ❖ Immunization services for Antenatal Mothers and Children have been strengthened via SMS alert.
- ❖ Uninterrupted Maternal and Child Health (MCH) services were provided during COVID Pandemic.
- ❖ Uninterrupted Management and Follow-up of High-Risk Pregnancy during COVID Pandemic.
- ❖ Mentoring services for High-Risk Antenatal Mothers.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu is the first State to recommend and implement COVID vaccination for Antenatal Mothers in addition to Vaccination for Lactating Mothers.
- ❖ Establishment of SNCU in Pudurnadu Block PHC, Tirupattur District for Tribal people.
- ❖ Establishment of extramural SNCU (eSNCU) in Government Rajaji Hospital, Madurai and Government Rajamirasudar Hospital, Thanjavur.
- ❖ Under the Fifteenth Finance Commission Grants for health Rs. 4,280 crore has been approved for Tamil Nadu for a period of 5 years from FY 2021-2022 to FY 2025-2026.
- ❖ Under PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission, Rs.116.30 crore has been approved to Strengthen the Public Healthcare Infrastructure.
- ❖ The Union Government has approved Rs.799 crore as additional resources under

the Emergency COVID-19 Response Preparedness Package-II (ECRP-II) out of which Rs.319.6 crore was the 40% share of the State was contributed.

❖ Under the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) program, 4,848 Mid-Level Health Providers (MLHPs) and 2,448 Multipurpose Health Worker (MPHW) male / Health Inspector (HI) grade II were recruited.

❖ 389 Mobile Medical Unit vehicles at a cost of Rs.70 crore have been provided for facilitating uninterrupted medical services to inaccessible areas.

❖ The State successfully operationalizes more than 7,000 Health and Wellness Centers (HWC).

❖ The State has received Rs.100 crore as Grants-in-aid under Ayushman Bharat-Health and Wellness Centers.

❖ Single Nodal Account (SNA) has been opened at the National Health Mission – Tamil Nadu and 3,053 Subsidiary Accounts have been opened for all the Implementing Agencies and funds are being released.

❖ 29 Medical officers in LSAS and & 7 Medical officers in Emoc have undergone Medical Officers are trained in Life Saving Anesthetic Skills (LSAS) and Emergency Maternal and Obstetrics Care training programme.

❖ The National Health Mission Tamil Nadu organized a Workshop to combat Health impacts due to Climate Change in Tamil Nadu.

❖ Stress management tele-counselling services through 104 Health Help Line Counselling services were delivered for 1,10,971 students who have taken the NEET exams.

❖ The "Muthiyor Mananalam" program was launched to cater for the Mental Health needs of the elderly population for which the MoU was signed with SCARF NGO.

❖ MoU was signed with SNEHA NGO, "Training for counselling on suicide prevention" and training is being imparted to 104 Health Helpline Psychologists.

❖ In Chennai, Tondiarpet, Emergency Care and Recovery Centre serves the wandering homeless mentally ill with psychiatric and physical health services and also reunites them with their families.

❖ 7,823 employees working in NHM-TN were converted from the outsourcing mode of appointment to Contract mode.

❖ 30 per cent of Salary hike has been provided to 28,110 contract staff of the Health Department inclusive of Staff Nurses at a cost of Rs.89.82 crore.

❖ The performance of 30,164 contractual staff was appraised.

❖ Tamil Nadu was awarded in the National Summit for best practices and innovations by the Union Government for effective management of High-risk pregnant Mothers during the COVID pandemic.

❖ Tamil Nadu stands as the first State in recommending and implementing COVID vaccination for Antenatal Mothers. So far, 1,30,652 Antenatal Mothers and 5,13,190 lactating mothers have been vaccinated against Covid-19.

❖ During the second wave of Covid-19 infection, Covid-19 War Room / Unified Command Centre (UCC) was established and 72,300 calls were received for various requirements out of which 14,563 calls were responded with due bed arrangements.

❖ The National Urban Health Mission (NUHM) has upgraded 23 Urban Primary Health

Centres (UPHCs) to Urban Community Health Centres (UCHCs) having a capacity of 30 beds each at a cost of Rs.1.50 crore.

- The Rural Primary Health Centres viz., Sholaiyar Nagar, Mudees Nagar in Valparai Municipality and Thachanallur in Tirunelveli Corporation functioning in the Rural area were upgraded as Urban Primary Health Centres.

- The Tamil Nadu Accident and Emergency Initiative (TAEI) has brought down accidents by 11.12 per cent and fatalities due to accidents by 17.75 per cent when compared with the previous year's percentage of accidents.

- Maternal and Child Health Wing buildings in four Government Hospitals, Multi-Disciplinary Critical Care Units in three Government Hospitals and New buildings for three PHCs were constructed under National Health Mission.

- As an outcome of the Sub National Certification for TB disease-free status survey, The Nilgiris District of Tamil Nadu was awarded silver for 40 per cent reduction of TB disease burden and 6 Districts such as Karur, Kanniyakumari, Namakkal, Nagapattinam, Sivagangai, Viluppuram were awarded Bronze for 20 per cent reduction in TB disease burden.

- Tamil Nadu has won Two Awards for having undertaken 29,88,110 screenings for 22 non-communicable diseases which is the highest number in the country and conducted the third-highest number of 85,514 wellness sessions.

- "Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam" Programme, one of the milestones achieved in the field of Public health, was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 05.08.2021. 1,00,00,693 patients have received first-time services and 2,39,85,825 patients have benefitted from repeat services.

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu distributed a medical kit for the beneficiary who marks the count of one crore, in an event at Tiruchirappalli District. 1,00,45,793 patients have received first-time services and 2,74,17,977 patients have benefitted from repeat services.

- The Fifteenth Finance Commission (FC XV) has recommended a grant of Rs.4,280 crore to the Government of Tamil Nadu through Rural and Urban local bodies for specific health sector components.

- Under the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) program 4,848 Health Sub-Centre, 1,384 Primary Health Centres, 460 Urban Primary Health Centres and 650 Ayush Primary Health Centres have been transformed into Health & Wellness Centres. In addition, 500 Urban Health Wellness Centres have been established.

- The Government has successfully transformed 7,842 Health and Health Sub Centres into Wellness across the State.

- On the National Universal Health Coverage Day Celebration 2022, Tamil Nadu was recognized by the Government of India as the First among the largest States having achieved the highest number of Tele-Consultation Health Services through Health and Wellness Centres, by presenting a shield and certificate of appreciation.

- Under National Programme for Viral Hepatitis, out of 16,71,721 pregnant mothers, 13,42,132 mothers were tested for Hepatitis. Of the 13,42,132 pregnant mothers tested, 1,973 mothers were diagnosed with Hepatitis B infection and managed in higher centres. Out of which 843 Mothers delivered and 843

infants were administered immunoglobulins for Hepatitis B.

- 396 Mobile Medical Unit vehicles at a cost of Rs.70 crore have been provided for facilitating uninterrupted medical services to inaccessible areas. 2,05,96,625 individuals have benefited from 2,51,935 Camps conducted by the 396 Mobile Medical Unit.
- Under National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS) Certification Programme, 10 Government District Head Quarters Hospitals, and 18 Government Sub-District Hospitals. 29 Government Community Health Centres, 70 Government Primary Health Centres and 14 Government Urban Primary Health Centres, which totals 141 facilities, have been nationally certified.
- The "Tele-Manas" scheme was inaugurated to provide counselling for mental health problems through "Natpudan Ungalodu Mana Nala Sevai" the toll-free phone number "14416" at an estimated cost of Rs.2.06 crore.
- Tamil Nadu has been awarded in the National Summit for Best Practice and Innovations by the Government of India for effective management of High-risk Pregnant Mothers during the COVID pandemic.
- Tamil Nadu has been awarded first prize for follow-up of High-risk mothers under "Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Matritva Abhiyan" and awarded second Prize for implementation of "Surakshit Mathrithva Ashwasan" on Program (SUMAN) for providing Quality services to pregnant women with dignity.
- Tamil Nadu has been awarded the Best Converging Mechanisms Award awarded for implementing the RBSK programme and School Health and Wellness Ambassador Programme in convergence with the School Education Department by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Union Government.
- Tamil Nadu has won two Awards from the Union Government for having undertaken the 22 highest number of 29,88,110 NCD screenings in the country and conducted the third-highest number of 85,514 wellness sessions.
- AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy) services have been co-located in 475 PHCs under National Health Mission. Treatment has been given for 1,48,64,264 outpatients.

Drugs Control Administration

- 1,12,828 drug samples have been tested. 1,099 manufacturing licenses, 334 blood banks and 516 blood storage centres and 47,376 sale licenses have been issued.
- 10 wholesale licenses and 29 retail licenses which had violated the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules, 1945, have been suspended.

Food Safety And Drug Administration

- 1,03,897 Licenses and 4,28,686 registration certificates have been given. So far, Rs. 187 crore has been collected as FSSAI Licence and Registration charges.
- 2,790 awareness camps were conducted to Food Business Operators and 1.87 lakh persons participants attended.
- 12,815 inspections have been carried out in all the relevant places, such as manufacturing, storage and selling units of food production establishments.
- 91.7 tonnes of Tobacco/Nicotine were seized and destroyed.

- The complaint redress mechanism through a dedicated WhatsApp mobile number (9444042322) is in force in the State of Tamil Nadu. It is appreciated as a best practice by the FSSAI.
- As per FSSAI guidelines, 2,423 Hotels and Restaurants are certified under the “Hygiene Rating” Scheme.
- In the Eat Right Challenging under “Eat Right India activity”, to improve Street Food vendors, training and instructions are given for them. Clean Street Food Hubs are given certifications.
- FSSAI evaluated the functioning of the State Food Safety Department through State Food Safety Index (SFSI) and Tamil Nadu has been recognized as the third best performing State.
- The Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 is being implemented throughout India with effect from 05.08.2011. It is implemented in the State by the Department of Food Safety. At the State level, this Department is headed by the Commissioner of Food Safety. At District Level, 32 Designated Officers and 391 Food Safety Officers (FSO) are at Block / Municipality / Corporation level.
- In Tamil Nadu, Six Food Analytical Laboratories are located in Chennai, Thanjavur, Madurai, Tirunelveli (Palayamkottai), Salem and Coimbatore. All six laboratories have been notified as per the Act for testing the food-related samples. Legal action is being taken based on the lab reports.

The Directorate of Public Health And Preventive Medicine

Malaria

- Malaria activities are being carried out for Malaria Elimination by the year 2030.
- Screening was done for 44,13,241 persons and 92 persons with Malarial infection were given treatment.

Dengue

- Around 25,000 Domestic Breeding checkers (DBC) ware engaged in Tamil Nadu for Dengue Control and Prevention.

Filariasis Disease

- 8,023 grade - IV of Filarial patients are getting Financial Assistance of Rs.1,000 per month. Rs. 9.62 crore have been allotted from the Government of Tamil Nadu for this beneficiary scheme.

Training

- Training is imparted for 5,366 staff of 15 various categories.

Mother Baby Care Kits

- Mother and Baby care kits consisting of 16 products at a cost of Rs.12.50 crore were distributed to 2,63,716 postnatal Mothers.

Hygiene

- 24,687 water samples were collected and tested by four Water Analysis Laboratories.

School Program

- 8,032 Schools have been declared "Tobacco-free Educational institutions".
- 447 Colleges have been declared as "Tobacco-free Educational institutions".

Tobacco Cessation:

- 12 Newly Established Districts.
- 5,875 persons were counselled to get rid of their tobacco habit.
- The total number of people freed from tobacco habit is 51.
- Construction of 10 Staff Nurse Quarters at a cost of Rs.227.50 lakh.
- Construction of Integrated Out Patient Block with Siddha wing in Thiruvengadu Upgraded / Main Primary Health Centre at Mayiladuthurai District at a cost of Rs.1.98 crore.
- Sanction has been accorded for the construction of Staff Nurse Quarters at Rajathani Upgraded Primary Health Centre in Theni District at a cost of Rs.30 lakh.
- Sanction has been accorded for the construction of Medical Officer Quarters and Staff Nurse Quarters at Pathamadai Upgraded / Main Primary Health Centre in Tirunelveli District at a total cost of Rs.60 lakh.
- Sanction has been accorded for the establishment of 26 Rural Primary Health Centres.
- Construction of Emergency Care Centre at Athanavoor Additional Primary Health Centre in Yelagiri hills, Tirupathur District at a cost of Rs.86 lakh.
- Construction of Additional building at Thalavady Upgraded / Main Primary Health Centre in Erode District at a cost of Rs.78 lakh.

Screening and Treatment Under RBSK Scheme

- Under RBSK Programme 2,864 children in 45,895 Government and 54,439 Government aided schools were diagnosed out of which 849 children required surgery and out of which 646 (76%) children underwent surgery.

RKSK Program

- 71,466 Adolescents were treated with Clinical Services and 71,341 Adolescents were given Counselling Services.

National Iodine Deficiency Disorder Control Programme (Niddcp)

- Awareness is being created in every house with the aim of making Tamil Nadu free of iodine deficiency.
- About 2,120 salt samples were analysed and 1,905 (90%) salt samples were confirmed to contain iodine.

Universal Health Coverage (UHC) – Comprehensive Primary Healthcare Services

Treatment For Outpatients

- Under all HWC HSCs, HWC PHCs and HWC UPHCs, a total of 4,01,64,834 outpatient beneficiaries benefitted under the UHC scheme.

Treatment For Non-Communicable Diseases

- In all HWCs, a total of 3,06,36,598 patients were screened and treated for Non-communicable Diseases like Hypertension (1,26,62,115), Diabetes (92,69.245), Oral Cancer (52,58,717), Breast Cancer (19,77,728) and Cervical Cancer (14,68,793).

Wellness Activities

- A total of 63,40,215 participants have participated in Wellness sessions held through all HWC HSCs, HWC PHCs and HWC UPHCs.
- A total of 64,04,407 people have benefited from the e-Sanjeevani service through 369 tele-consultation centres and 6,510 tele-consultation branches in Tamil Nadu. Also, our State has been awarded as the top in the country for telemedicine services at the national level.
- Tamil Nadu has been allocated Rs.801.07 crore to improve rural and urban health services, strengthen medical infrastructure and provide medical services as per the recommendations of the 15th Finance Commission.

Communicable Disease

- A whole Genomic Sequencing laboratory was set up to detect mutated coronavirus. Till now 2,965 coronavirus samples have been subjected to whole genomic sequencing.
- In Tamil Nadu, Influenza H3N2 diagnostic facility is available in 13 Government Medical Colleges and 44 private laboratories.
- 7,85,000 Oseltamivir Tablets 75 mg, 59,660 (30 mg) and 4,260 Syrup are readily available in stock to treat seasonal influenza.
- 10,000 influenza vaccines have been administered to front-line workers.
- Due to the increase in the incidence of influenza cases in Tamil Nadu, 10,049 special fever camps were conducted in which 12,34,305 persons were tested and among them, 8,044 persons were diagnosed with fever and given appropriate treatment.
- 773 persons (H1N1 - 712 persons, H3N2 - 61 persons) have been affected by seasonal influenza in Tamil Nadu. Among them, only 43 (H1N1-26, H3N2-17) persons are in treatment.

Immunization Program

- 9.15 lakh Infants and 10 lakh pregnant women were covered under this UIP programme.
- Improvement of the State Full Immunization Coverage at 100%.
- Tamil Nadu had attained a "Polio Free Status" for the past 19 years.
- COVID vaccination has been administered to 1,63,227 persons. 38,485 persons have taken the first dose, 1,24,742 persons have taken the second dose and 1,40,495 persons have taken the precautionary dose vaccines.
- 2,85,161 persons have benefitted through the Government COVID centres and 18,561 Private centres.
- Under Dr.Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme (MRMBS), 2,94,267 pregnant women were given financial

assistance of Rs.18,000 each, at a total cost of Rs.260.90 crore.

Family Welfare

- 8,713 Health Sub-Centres, 2,286 Primary Health Centres, 264 Sub District Hospitals, 37 Government Headquarters Hospitals, 36 Government Medical College Hospitals and 2,581 approved Nursing Homes in the Private sector provide Family Welfare services in our State.
- Tamil Nadu is one of the States in the country with a low TFR of 1.4 below the National level of 2.0.
- Under this scheme family welfare services 2,30,921 female sterilization surgeries, 1,168 male sterilisation surgeries, 3,90,683 copper-T insertions, 1,27,068 Oral contraceptive pills, 61,760 Injectable contraceptives and 46,626 Emergency Contraceptive Pills rendered to the eligible couples.

Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation

- Procurement of 23,103 equipments through Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation at a cost of Rs. 121.26 crore.
- Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation has accorded Rs. 386.12 crore for procurement, testing, storage and distribution of drugs and medicines, surgical and suture consumables to all the Government medical institutions, and drugs worth Rs. 304.11 crore have been procured.
- At the Government Villupuram Medical College and Hospital, a Telecobalt machine has been installed at a cost of Rs.1.77 crore.
- At the Government Mettupalayam, Tambaram, Ponneri Medical College and Hospital, three CT scan machines have been installed at a cost of Rs.7.2 crore.
- Construction of Radiation Oncology Block with Linear Accelerator machines at the Government Medical College Hospitals in Viluppuram, Dharmapuri, Tiruvannamalai and Pudukkottai Districts, at a total cost of Rs.8 crore.
- Construction of Radiation Oncology Block with Linear Accelerator machines at the Government Salem Medical College Hospitals at a cost of Rs.3.70 crore.
- New District Drug Warehouses are being constructed in four Districts, namely, Chengalpattu, Kallakurichi, Tirupattur and Tenkasi, at a cost of Rs.6 crore.
- Pay wards have been established in Government Medical College Hospitals in Coimbatore, Madurai and Salem Districts at a cost of Rs.3.80 crore.

Rashtriya Bal Swasthiya Karyakram (RBSK)

- The Mobile Health Teams have conducted fever camps as outreach services during COVID Pandemic. However, the Newborn screening has been performed at delivery points, and 1,31,430 Newborns have been screened.
- Under the RBSK programme, the School teachers have screened 48,83,153 children and have referred 11,40,709 children to RBSK teams and 10,37,078 children have been screened by RBSK Teams for 4 Ds (Defects at birth, Diseases in Children, Deficiency conditions and Developmental Delays including Disabilities) and 46,681 children with 4Ds have been referred to DEIC.
- 1,20,109 children have been confirmed with birth defects, out of which 2,159 children with major birth defects were identified for Surgery and 1,768 children have undergone Surgery for major birth defects.

Tamil Nadu State Blindness Control Society

- Cataract surgeries were performed for cataracts by 89 Government Eye Hospitals and 61 NGO Hospitals under the National Programme for Control of Blindness.
- 500 eyeballs were collected as eye donation by 20 banks and in the online eye donor registry, over 10,000 eye donors have registered themselves for eye donation.
- 31,872 School Children were identified with refractive errors and provided free spectacles.
- Arrangements were made to provide 50,000 spectacles to correct near vision defects in old people.
- A state of art Regional Eye Care Centre was established at Raja Mirasudar Hospital, Thanjavur at a cost of Rs. 16.05 crore.
- Mobile Ophthalmic Units are to be established in Karur, Tiruvannamalai, Thanjavur, Nagapattinam and Cuddalore Districts at a cost of Rs. 1.50 crore.
- Ophthalmic equipment was provided for Gudiyatham, Kancheepuram, Mayiladuthurai District Head Quarters Hospitals, Gobichettipalayam, Sankarankoil, Kulithalai, Vandavasi, Cumbum Sub District Hospitals and Tambaram eye bank at a cost of Rs. 2.40 crore.
- "E-Paarvai" - Artificial Intelligence based Mobile Application is used for screening elderly individuals in the villages, and to do the surgeries if necessary, to achieve the goal of declaration of Cataract Blindness backlog free Districts in our state.

Tamil Nadu Accident and Emergency Care Initiative(TAEI)

- 8 hospitals have been newly identified for strengthening emergency care services, namely, Government Taluk Hospitals, Chengam, Virudhachalam, Palacode, Thirupathur, Sattur, Vandavasi, Thirumayam, Uthamapalayam.
- MD Emergency Medicine course has been started in 22 Medical College Hospitals and 84 students have joined in the State.
- IT-based TAEI Trauma registry has sharpened the monitoring and evaluation framework of emergency care service delivery in the State at all TAEI centres and has been certified as a "Semi-Finalist" in the prestigious SCOCH Award 2022.
- Under Innuyir kappom, Nammai kakkum-48, Emergency surgery within 6 hours is being done. A total of 1,51,020 Road Traffic Accident victims availed treatment under the scheme amounting to Rs.133.31 crore. 26,618 Road Traffic Accident patients have availed of treatment.
- 108 Emergency ambulance services have been enhanced with 75 new Advance Life Support (ALS) ambulances at a cost of Rs.25.50 crore to the existing fleet strength.
- Through the successful implementation of the TAEI scheme, there has been a 1.35 per cent reduction in death due to road traffic accidents in the year 2022 when compared to the year 2019.
- For advanced treatment of Rodenticide poisoning, PLEX machines have been installed at a total cost of Rs.1.80 crore in 6 high case load centres namely, Government Stanley Medical College Hospital, Government Raja Muthaiah Medical College Hospital, Cuddalore, Government Viluppuram Medical College Hospital, Government Madurai Medical College Hospital, Government Kilpauk Medical College Hospital.
- At present PLEX is being done by the 16 Medical College Hospitals in the State. 6,061 patients have been admitted due to rodenticide poisoning of which 652 patients underwent PLEX therapy, due to which 64.6 per cent of deaths have been averted.
- Cath Labs have been established in 18 Medical College Hospitals and brought to optimal functioning due to which lifesaving emergency cardiac care services have been provided to patients under the CMCHIS scheme. This has ensured patients with a Heart attack avail of angiogram and angioplasty services within 24 hours of the onset of symptoms. 3,454 Cath Lab Emergency Procedures were completed within 24 Hours.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to improve the Health status of the Urban Population especially the urban poor, made an announcement regarding the establishment of 708 Urban-Health and Wellness Centres (U-HWCs) in Urban Local Bodies of Corporations and Municipalities.
- As the first of its kind in the country, each Urban Health and Wellness Center will have a population of 20,000 to 25,000 to be served by a Medical Officer, Staff Nurse, Health Inspector, and Support Staff to ensure the availability of 12 Comprehensive Health Services from a locality closer to the doorsteps of defined populations. Each 708 U-HWC has been constructed at a cost of Rs.25 lakh at a total cost of Rs.177 crore by the respective ULBs.

Tamil Nadu State Aids Control Society

- The Prevalence of HIV among antenatal mothers from 0.18 in 2019 reduced to 0.17 and maintained the same prevalence rate till date through the services of the Tamil Nadu State AIDS Control Society.
- During the year 2021-2022. TANSACS has disbursed financial assistance to the 3,151 HIV/AIDS-affected Children amounting to Rs.1.39 crore, whereas during this year 2022-2023, TANSACS has released financial assistance for 6,786 Children amounting to Rs.2.17 crore which meant over and above 215 per cent achievements when compared to the previous year.

108 - Emergency Management Services

- In order to effectively carry out the emergency service, the existing emergency ambulance fleet was increased from 1,303 to 1,353 and 6,85,066 beneficiaries have availed treatment.
- Under the "Nammai Kaakum 48" scheme, 58,152 persons have benefited.
- FHS & JSSK services operated by IRCS were handed over to GVKEMRI services as per Government orders.

104- Health Help Line Service

- 1,55,920 beneficiaries used 104 Health Help Line.

102- Drop Back Services (JSSK)

- 93,458 mothers and infants have been transported through these services. 99 vehicles are functioning under this service. This Scheme is funded by National Health Mission. It provides 100% free drop-back service to delivered mothers and treated sick infants from Government Hospitals to their homes.

155377-Free Hearse (Mortuary Van) Service

- This scheme is meant to transport the deceased from Government Medical Institution to his/her house or cremation ground free of cost. This service can be utilized by calling the centralized call centre number 155377. 56,294 deceased have been transported. At present 194 vehicles are in service.

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Commercial Taxes, Registration and Stamp Act, Weights and Measures, Debt Relief including legislation on Money lending, Chits and Registration of Companies

Hon'ble Minister for Commercial Taxes and Registration

Thiru. P. Moorthy

Commercial Taxes Department

- The Commercial Taxes Department has collected a gross revenue of Rs.2.29 crore, which includes GST compensation and IGST settlement. There is an increase in revenue collection at a rate of 35.24 per cent with a difference of Rs. 35,683 when compared with the record during 2021-2022 which was to the tune of Rs.1.93 crore.
- The Commercial Taxes Department has collected a gross revenue of Rs.1.17 crore, which includes GST compensation and IGST settlement during the year 2022-2023 (April 2022 to March 2023). There is an increase in revenue collection at a rate of 56.80 per cent with a difference of Rs. 20,719.59 when compared with the record during the previous year which was to the tune of Rs.1.54 crore.

- Due to Covid-19 pandemic situation, in order to help the small traders registered under GST Act and also for all small dealers and traders who are not registered under the GST Act, having turnover of less than Rs.40 lakh per annum, the life time membership application fee of Rs.500 has been waived.
- Two new schemes i.e., Marriage Assistance of Rs. 10,000 and Accident Compensation Scheme of Rs.25,000 have been introduced to the members of the Tamil Nadu Traders Welfare Board.
- Family Assistance of deceased Tamil Nadu Traders Welfare Board members has been enhanced from Rs.One lakh to Rs.3 lakh.
- Fire Accident Assistance to the Tamil Nadu Traders Welfare Board members whose business place affected by fire has been enhanced from Rs.5,000 to Rs.20,000.
- Rate of tax on goods with HSN in Tamil has been released for the purpose of reference by traders.
- Buildings constructed for the assessment circle offices of Ettayapuram in Thoothukudi District of Tirunelveli Division at a cost of Rs.1.19 crore and Mudukulathur in Ramanathapuram District of Madurai Division at a cost of Rs.75 lakh.
- New Integrated Commercial Taxes office building at Gudiyatham for the circle offices has been constructed for an amount of Rs.1.81 crore.
- The price of petrol has been reduced by Rs. 3 per litre in the State of Tamil Nadu.

Registration Department

Revenue Generation

- During the financial year 2022-2023, the Department earned a revenue of Rs.17,296.84 crore by registering 34,41,248 documents. This is 24.32 per cent increase in revenue and 14.78 per cent increase in number of documents registered comparing to the last financial year.Empowering the Registration Department to order cancellation of a forged and fraudulent document.
- Earlier ordinary people were forced to approach jurisdictional Civil Courts to cancel any fraudulent and forged registration.
- A Bill was passed in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly to bring suitable amendments in the Registration Act, 1908 to order for cancellation of any fraudulent and forged registration.
- Accordingly, Section 77A some other sections have been inserted in the Registration Act, 1908 including some other sections to empower the District Registrar or the Inspector General of Registration to order for cancellation of a forged and fraudulent document, if a document is found to be fraudulent. Either suo-motu or upon complaints received in this regard with regard to documents registered in violation of Section 22A and Section 22B of the Registration Act the District Registrar or Inspector General of Registration can order for cancellation of document after due enquiry.
- This Act has come into force with effect from 16.08.2022. Through the implementation of the above Act, persons who have been affected by the fraudulent or forged registration on their properties can represent to the respective District Registrar for redressal of their grievance without approaching the jurisdictional Civil Courts.

Curtailing Fraudulent Registrations

- The present Government have taken below initiatives to curtail fraudulent registrations.

❖ Real time verification of Identification using Aadhaar number.

❖ Pasting of photo of document writer or advocate who prepares the document.

❖ Insertion of Rule 55A in Registration Rules - To curtail fraudulent registration, documents verifications were done by the registering officers based only on executive instructions, in order to give a legal backup to the above verification, the Government have inserted Rule 55A of the Registration Rules acts.

Special Investigation Team for probing fraudulent registrations

❖ A Special Investigation Team has been ordered to be formed to probe the registration violations which happened during the past. The team will identify the registration of fraudulent documents and based on the report submitted by this team, the mistakes crept in the registration of documents will be set right. Appropriate legal steps will also be taken to revert the property back to its genuine owner and thus to mitigate the plight of the public in retrieving their property from the land grabbers.

Preference in registration for Senior Citizens

❖ Chronological registration of documents is being done in the Sub Registrar offices. Keeping in view of welfare of senior citizens, if any of the executants or claimants has crossed the age of 70, the software is enabled to prioritize registration of the document without making them wait in Sub Registrar's office.

Tatkal Token System

❖ Most of the registrants like to register their documents on auspicious date and time. To enable them to get tokens on the days of their preference, Tatkal token scheme has been introduced in 100 heavy registration offices. Those who want to register on auspicious days, even if the normal tokens are fully booked, can use the Tatkal scheme by paying Rs.5,000 as Tatkal charges. After initiation of this scheme, 5,628 tatkal tokens were booked and Revenue of Rs. 2.81 crore has been collected.

Functioning of Sub Registrar Offices on Saturdays

❖ To cater the needs of the public, particularly office goers, Government have permitted the Sub Registrar Offices where more documents

are registered to function on all Saturdays. Accordingly, top 100 Sub Registrar offices based on the number of registration have been selected and instructed to function full day on Saturdays to carry out all kinds of registrations. For the registration being made during Saturdays, an additional fee of Rs.1,000 for each document is being collected in addition to Stamp Duty and Registration Fee. This scheme has been well received by the public. After initiation of this scheme, 1,10,898 documents were registered and Revenue of Rs.688.75 crore has been collected on Saturdays.

Control Room in the office of Inspector General of Registration

- To sort out the grievance of public immediately, a control room was established in the office of Inspector General of Registration. Three cell numbers are provided to the control room. The public can call and lodge their complaints by phone or complaints can be sent either by whatsapp or by e-mail.

Grievance day on Mondays

- On all Mondays, Deputy Inspectors General of Registration and District Registrars are conducting grievance day in their offices. The petitions or complaints received are processed immediately in order to solve the grievance of public as early as possible.

Issuing of True Copies of Christian Marriage certificate extracts by Deputy Inspector General of Registration

- As per Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872, Inspector General of Registration is the sole authority to archive the records and issue true copies of extracts of Christian marriage certificates. Previously, a Christian individual was expected to visit the office of Inspector General of Registration situated in Chennai to obtain true copy of extract of marriage. For the benefit of the Christian public, powers have been delegated to the Deputy Inspectors General of Registration of the ten zones to issue true copies of the marriage certificates.

Online Index correction and Marriage Certificate correction

- Online sending of necessary correction details to the concerned Sub Registrar office has been enabled if any mistakes are found in Encumbrance Certificates or Marriage Certificates. This saves time and prevents the common public from unnecessarily visiting the Sub Registrar Offices. The corrected encumbrance details are being sent by the Sub Registrar after due verification to the District Registrar for approval and after District Registrar's approval, the corrected details will reflect in portal.

Unified Call Centre

- The Government has accorded sanction for providing details of services rendered by Registration Department by all means of communication including WhatsApp, Chatbot, Youtube videos, etc., The work is under progress.

Unified Service Centre

- In order to provide registration services viz., creation of document, issuance of Encumbrance Certificate, certified copy, booking slot, online payment etc., at a reasonable rate to citizens, the Government have accorded administrative sanction to set up Unified Service Centre at Chennai and Coimbatore on a pilot basis.

Stamp Duty exemption

- The State Government is empowered to provide concession on stamp duty. To promote industries, the Government have provided concession on stamp duty

under the Aerospace and Defence Industrial Policy 2019, The Tamil Nadu Electric Vehicle Policy 2019, Tamil Nadu Electronics Hardware Manufacturing Policy 2020 and Tamil Nadu Industrial Policy 2021 for the instruments of sale or lease or lease-cum-sale of land /shed /buildings to start industrial unit.

Online viewing of Encumbrance Certificate

❖ Public can view and download Encumbrance Certificate of their property from portal of the Registration Department anywhere anytime at free of cost. The details are available in the website of this Department. Daily around 80,000 Encumbrance Certificates are getting downloaded.

Capturing Thumb Impression using Biometric Device

❖ During registration of documents, registrants' photo using web camera and their thumb impression using biometric device are being captured. Finger print comparison is made to curtail impersonation.

Enabling registration of certain documents by Electronic means on Online mode

❖ The online registration has been introduced for the following nature of documents such as Agreement relating to Deposit of Title Deeds to obtain loan from Banks and other Financial Institutions, Receipt Deed executed by Banks and other Financial Institutions after repayment of loan and Rental or Lease Agreement upto five years relating to residential purposes.

❖ The citizen can execute the document by electronic means through online sitting at home. His/her identity will be verified by comparing the fingerprint with Aadhaar database maintained with UIDAI. The document will be sent to the concerned Sub Registrar Office through online and after registration, the citizen can download the registered document in his/her login.

e-Sign in online services

❖ Certificates like Encumbrance Certificates, certified copies of Registered Documents,

Marriage Certificate extracts, Society Registration Certificates, Partnership Firm Registration Certificates etc., are provided online by affixing Aadhaar enabled e-Sign of registering officers eliminating physical visits. Users can download these certificates at their convenient place and time through their login.

- Automatic application facility for name change in documents related to Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation, Greater Chennai Corporation and Chennai Metro Water Supply and Sewerage Board.
- The facility of sending automatic application for name change in documents related to Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation, Greater Chennai Corporation and Chennai Metro Water Supply and Sewerage Board, once the registration of document is completed, is being provided.

Automatic Patta transfer

- 'STAR 2.0' of Registration Department and 'Tamil Nilam' of Revenue Department have been integrated and applications for patta transfer for not involving sub division cases and involving sub division cases are being sent online, once the registration of document is over.

New facility for Christian Marriage Registration

- A new flow has been introduced to apply for solemnization and registration of the Christian marriages under Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872 by Christian Priests, Government licensed Marriage Registrars through online.

Prohibition of registration of Government Lands

- The new software module compares the Government land details in 'Tamil Nilam' database of Revenue Department in real time and if the survey number is marked as belonging to Government, 'STAR 2.0' software of Registration Department automatically prohibits registration of these properties.

Online payments through Banks

- Keeping in view of safe and secured payment of departmental charges, either online or online linked branch payment through approved banks has been enabled.

Tamil Nadu Document Writers' Welfare Fund

- The Tamil Nadu Document Writers' Welfare Fund has been established for the welfare of document writers and their families. A document writer who wants to become a member of this Fund can become a member by paying a one-time entry fee of Rs.1,000.
- Provision has been made to provide the welfare schemes such as accident relief assistance, death relief assistance to the members and educational assistance for the children of the members, etc., from welfare fund on the same lines of other welfare boards. A sum of Rs.10 collected for each document presented for registration in Sub- Registrar offices is credited to the Tamil Nadu Document Writers' Welfare Fund.

Appointment by Compassionate grounds

- 31 Junior Assistants and 2 Office Assistants were given appointment.

Creation of New Sub Registrar Offices

- New Sub Registrar Offices were created for the convenience of the public in Tirupathur and Madurai (North).

Reorganization of Sub-Registrar Offices' territorial jurisdiction.

- ❖ The Government have issued orders to reorganise the territorial jurisdiction of the Sub Registrar Offices in tune with the Revenue Districts.

Merging of Hamlets with Revenue Villages

- ❖ During the current year, hamlets were merged with revenue villages, so that all hamlets of a revenue village come under one Sub Registrar Office.

Providing Modern Facilities and Infrastructure for Sub Registrar Offices having heavy registration

- ❖ Modern facilities and infrastructure will be provided to cater to the needs of public in two Sub Registrar offices in the first phase at the cost of Rs.50 lakh and these offices will function as model offices. Accordingly, Government have issued orders for providing modern facilities in Sub Registrar offices at Kundrathur in Chennai (South) District and Gandhipuram in Coimbatore District at the cost of Rs.25 lakh each and work is in progress.

Rationalisation of Guideline Value

- ❖ The registration fee has been reduced from 4 per cent to 2 per cent and this measure is expected to greatly benefit the poor and middle class especially those who avail bank loans to buy homes.

Services offered and facilities available in Project STAR 2.0

- ❖ Separate logins are provided for public, document writers and advocates.

Creation of New Registration Districts

- ❖ The Government have accorded administrative and financial sanction for creation of new Tambaram Registration District by bifurcating the Chennai (South) Registration District.

Creation of New Audit Wing

- ❖ The Government have accorded administrative and financial sanction for creation of new District Registrar (Audit) offices in Salem (East), Gobichettipalayam and Karaikudi Registration Districts.

Data Repository

- ❖ Data storage at three different places viz., M/s ELCOT State Data Centre, Perungudi, Nearline Data Recovery Centre at the office of Inspector General of Registration, Santhome and Disaster Recovery Centre at National Informatics Centre, Pune has been enabled which drastically curtails tampering and damage of documents.

Installation of IP Camera and issuance of DVD

- ❖ To ensure transparent services at Sub Registrar office, three IP Cameras have been installed at each Sub Registrar office and remote monitoring from Inspector General of Registration Office and Zonal Deputy General of Registration office has been enabled.
- ❖ DVD is being issued to the registrant pubic with the IP Camera recordings of registration of their document/ marriage by collecting Rs.100.

e-Stamping

- ❖ As an alternate mode of stamp duty payment and as per the guidance of the Central Government, e-Stamping through M/s. Stock Holding Corporation of India Limited (SHCIL) has been implemented.

Transfer duty to Local Bodies

- ❖ During the financial year 2021-2022, Rs.1,971.62 crore was transferred to local bodies, out of total transfer duty of Rs.2,032.60 crore collected and the remaining amount was retained by the Department as collection charges.

Creation of New Registration Zones

- ❖ A new zone with headquarters at Ramanathapuram has been carved out of Madurai Zone.
- ❖ The Government have accorded administrative and financial sanction for creation of new Chennai (South) Registration Zone by bifurcating the Chennai Zone.

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Transport, Nationalised Transport and Motor Vehicles Act

Hon'ble Minister for Transport

Thiru. S.S.Sivasankar

Transport Department

- Fare free travel facility for women, transgender, 40 percent differently-abled and their assistants in city buses.
- In 2023-2024, an allocation of Rs. 2,800 crore for women fare free travel.
- 206 new routes introduced in which, 260 buses are in operation.
- 409 Resumed routes in which, 510 buses are in operation.
- 56 bus services started for connecting 30 metro stations in Chennai.

- ❖ Special buses to various cities from Chennai during festival season in addition to daily buses.
- ❖ During festival seasons in Chennai and major cities, temporary bus stands are established and additional buses run from morning to midnight to important places in the city.
- ❖ Information Centers at 20 locations and 24-hour Passenger Grievance Redressal Centers for passengers to know busroute details during festival season.
- ❖ A Grievance Whatsapp Group has been established with Public Relations Officers to redress passenger grievances.
- ❖ Allocation of Rs. 420 crore for procurement of 1,000 new buses in 2022-2023 and Rs. 80 crore for refurbishing 1,000 old buses in which chassis in good condition.
- ❖ Under fare free travel facility for women in ordinary town buses, 256.16 crore safe journeys have been made at a cost of Rs.4,098.56 crore from 12.07.2021 to 22.03.2023.
- ❖ 14.63 lakh free journeys have been taken by transgenders in Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs.234.08 crore from 12.07.2021 to 14.03.2023 by extending the free travel facility to transgenders in Government buses.
- ❖ In 2023-2024 an allocation of Rs.500 crore has been made for 1,000 new buses and 500 old buses for body renovation.
- ❖ Procurement of 2213 BS-VI diesel buses and 500 electric buses with German Development Bank funding.
- ❖ Introduction of a toll free number 1800 599 1500 to ascertain the expectations of passengers and public travelling in Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation buses and redress their grievances and complaints.
- ❖ Operation of thousand more buses with the help of World Bank.
- ❖ Electronic ticket booking has been facilitated through the State Transport Corporations website https:www.tnstc.in and TNSTC app to help long-distance passengers.
- ❖ 10% discount for passengers booking Two-way tickets through E-ticketing on other days except festival days.
- ❖ Action taken for Implementation of cashless transaction system in Chennai, Madurai and Coimbatore with the help of German Development Bank Fund (KfW). Implementation of National General Mobility Card in Chennai.
- ❖ Actions were taken for the implementation of the National Common Mobility Card in Chennai.
- ❖ Introduction of Chennai Bus App to know the arrival and departure of the bus and the destination of the bus.
- ❖ GPS-based Next Bus Stop Audio Announcement System was introduced in 150 Metropolitan Transport Corporation buses so that new passengers who don't know the route and the visually challenged persons can know their bus stops in advance.
- ❖ Metropolitan Transport Corporation (Chennai) Ltd., has appointed a consultant to prepare a business plan to make it as a world-class transport company with financial assistance from World Bank.
- ❖ For business development, Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Development Board has

appointed consultants for the modernization of 16 Bus Workshops / Bus Stands. Work are in progress at Vadapalani, Thiruvanmiyur, and Vyasarpadi Depot.

- ❖ In order to avoid students from travelling on the bus stairs, Districtwise School Education Officers, Headmasters have established Whatsapp Group.
- ❖ Introduction of Parcel / Courier for non-travelers on a monthly or daily rental basis in Tamil Nadu State Express Transport Corporation buses to places like Chennai, Trichy, and Madurai.
- ❖ Sale of Condemned buses and Scrap items through online mode of the National Informatics Centre.
- ❖ Free travel scheme for children below 5 years of age in all types of buses operated by Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporations.
- ❖ Thiruvalluvar image and Thirukkural with its captions Fitted in all buses operated by State Transport Corporations.
- ❖ The Government has allocated Rs.1,014.63 crore as subsidy for the year 2021-2022, Rs.1,873 crore for the year 2022-2023 and Rs.2,000 crore for the year 2023-2024 to offset the increased cost of diesel.
- ❖ Share capital assistance Rs.424.47 crore to Tamil Nadu Transport Development Finance Corporation (TDFC).

Employee welfare

- ❖ State transport Corporation Employees basic pay increased by 5 %.
- ❖ Doubling the Collection batta of ordinary fare buses drivers and conductors.
- ❖ Double duty wages of drivers and conductors in Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporations increased to Rs.600 for driver and Rs.590 for conductor.
- ❖ Introduction of Driver's Manual jointly prepared by Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporations and Indian Road Transport for the benefit of drivers.
- ❖ Implementation of 88.15% Biometric attendance in offices and other places of all transport corporations.
- ❖ Rs.1,048.44 crore were paid as arrears to retired, voluntary retired and deceased

transport Employees from January 2020 to March 2022.

❖ Allocation of Rs.1,032 crore for providing retirement cash benefits to retired, voluntary retired and deceased workers from June-2022 to November 2022.

❖ The "City with Best Intelligent Transport System (ITS)" Award for Chennai Bus App under the category of "Award for Urban Excellence" from Union Government.

Transport

❖ Using Aadhaar as Identity Document, 3,68,793 persons obtained Learner's licence, 10,481 persons obtained Renewal of Driving licence, 4,553 persons changed address in driving licence, 24 persons surrendered class of vehicle from Driving licence, Notice of transfer of ownership of non-transport vehicle to 112 persons and Endorsement of hire-purchase agreement to 32 persons through online.

Fixing of Cameras and Sensor in School Buses.

❖ 17,129 School buses are fitted with Cameras in front and rear side with sensor, considering the safety of School Children.

New Office Buildings

❖ Opening of Own Buildings for the following Offices by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for public uses for the Motor Vehicle Inspector Office, Cheyyar, Tiruvannamalai District, Motor Vehicle Inspector Office, Gingee, Viluppuram District and Motor Vehicle Inspector Office, Sirkazhi, Mayiladuthurai District.

Provision of services at all Check Posts in Tamil Nadu through online.

❖ Necessary provisions has been made, during this period, for the payment of tax, fees and issue of temporary permit through online at all check posts in Tamil Nadu for vehicle owners and drivers in order to travel directly without long wait at the check posts.

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Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments and Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority

Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments

Thiru. P.K. Sekarbabu

Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments

- To alleviate the sufferings of the needy hunger-stricken people during the pandemic, at the rate of One lakh food packets per day, so far, 44 lakh food packets have been distributed.
- An online portal, "Register your Complaints", has been started to enable the devotees to register their complaints and suggestions and their grievances are being redressed within 30 days of such complaints and suggestions.
- A call centre was inaugurated to receive the grievance of the public and provide redressal.

- Financial Assistance of Rs.4,000 and a hamper containing 10 kg rice and 15 items of groceries were distributed to11,065 employees working without monthly salary in temples under the control of the Department during the pandemic.

- Title deeds and records owned by the temples which are under the control of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department are uploaded to the website and start with copies of the 'A' register, Town Survey Register and chitta of 3,43,647 acres of land which match with the 'Tamil Nilam' details have been uploaded in the website and are open for public viewing to ensure transparency in the administration.

- Encroachments over the land, buildings, and sites belonging to religious institutions have been removed, to an extent of 4,570.19 acres of Land, 826 grounds and 2,318 square feet extent of sites, buildings in 134 grounds 732 square feet area and 134 grounds and 414 square feet, area of tank bunds have been retrieved. The total value of the retrieved property is Rs.4,259.23 crore.

- The land in which Seetha Kingston House Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Kilpauk, Chennai had been functioning was taken into possession by the Arulmigu Ekambaranathar temple administration. Considering the welfare of the students, teachers and staff of Seetha Kingston School, under the guidance of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, the management of the school was taken over and is now being run by the temple management in the name of 'Arulmigu Ekambaranthar Matriculation Higher Secondary School'.

- To facilitate the easy execution of 'Uzhavara Pani' (Cleaning) in temples by volunteers, a new online booking arrangement has been provided for 47 senior-grade temples.

- Performance of Archana in Tamil 'Annai Tamizhil Archanai' in 46 senior grade templesincluding Arulmigu Kapaleeswarar Temple, Mylapore.

- Under the 'Kalaignar Thala Marakandru Nadum Thittam', 99,998 lakh saplings have been planted in the premises of 2,611 temples all over the State.

- To enable the performance of Archanai in Tamil in the temples, 12 books, of hymns praising God have been released and 47 senior-grade temples have been provided with these Pottri Books.

- Appointment orders have been issued to 208 persons including 24 Archakas who have completed training courses under the scheme 'Persons belonging to All castes can become Archakas'.

- Under the scheme of paying Rs. 1,000 monthly incentive to priests who work under the "Oru Kala Pooja" scheme in 15,000 temples, 13,991 beneficiaries have benefitted.

- The day-long "Annadhanam Scheme" has been implemented in Thiruthanigai, Samayapuram, and Tiruchendur Temples. 15,890 devotees have benefited.
- The scheme of disbursing Rs.5,000 monthly incentive to workers who perform tonsuring service to devotees in the temples. 1,744 workers have benefitted at a cost of Rs.10.47 crore.
- The preliminary work of converting the unused gold offered by the devotees in the temples to 24 Carat gold bars at Arulmigu Karumariamman Temple, Thiruverkadu, Arulmigu Mariamman Temple, Samayapuram and Arulmigu Mariamman Temple, Irukkangudi have been initiated.
- Order has been issued for Irukkankudi Mariamman Temple to melt the gold offerings to make gold bars and deposit (Rs.10 crore) them in the bank.
- 9 Assistant Professors, one librarian, and one physical instructor have been appointed in the newly started Arulmigu Kapaleeswarar Arts and Science College on behalf of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department. So far, 216 students have been studying there.
- The upgraded Odhuvar Training School situated at Madurai and Tiruvannamalai were inaugurated.
- Arulmigu Ekambaranathar Matriculation Higher Secondary School, which is managed by Arulmigu Ekambaranathar Temple, Kancheepuram, was inaugurated, and Uniform, school bags and other related things were distributed to 857 students, both boys and girls, to mark the occasion.
- Distribution of study materials to the students of the newly established Arulmigu Kapaleeswarar Arts and Science College at Kolathur.
- A grant of Rs.130 crore was released by the Government and from this, a cheque for Rs.129.59 crore was given to Tamil Nadu Power Finance and infrastructure development corporation to make an additional deposit of Rs. One lakh each to 12,959 temples under "Oru Kala Pooja" scheme for enabling sufficient fund for Pooja performance in the above temples.
- Inauguration of 3 new Colleges namely, Arulmigu Subramaniyaswamy Arts and Science College at Villathikulam, Thoothukudi District, Arulmigu Arthanareeswarar Arts and Science College at Thiruchengode, Namakkal District and Arulmigu Palaniandavar Arts College for Women at Ottanchathiram, Dindigul District. 313 students are studying in these institutions.

- The Scheme for differently-abled persons to perform their marriages free of cost in the temples and the temple-owned marriage Halls has been introduced and the couples were blessed with gift items.
- The scheme of giving an enhanced monthly stipend of Rs. 3,000 per month to 18 students who undergo training in Vedhaparayana Training School run by Arulmigu Dhandayuthabani Thirukkoil, Palani and Arulmigu Kapaleeswarar Thirukkoil, Mylapore, and to 24 students who undergo training in Odhuvar training school run by Arulmigu Meenakshi Sundareswarar Thirukkoil, Madurai and Arulmigu Arunachaleswarar Thirukkoil, Thiruvannamalai and to 25 students who undergo training in the NagaswaramThavil school run by Arulmigu Dhandayuthapalani Swamy Thirukkoil, Palani temple has been implemented. By this, 67 students have benefitted.
- The Government Grant to Kanniyakumari District Temples for administration and other expenses has been increased to Rs.6 crore.
- The Government Grant to Pudukottai District Devasthanam Temples for administration and development has been increased to Rs.3 crore.
- Inauguration of the Medical Centre provided with oxygen cylinders, BP apparatus, beds, life-saving medicines and other facilities in Arulmigu Dhandayuthapaniswamy Thirukkoil, Palani and first aid medical centres in Arulmigu Subramaniya Swamy Thirukkoil, endur, Arulmigu Arunachaleswarar Thirukkoil, Thiruvannamalai, Arulmigu Angala Parameshwari Thirukkoil, Melmalaiyanur, Lakshmi NarasimhaSwami Thirukkoil, Sholingar, Tiruthani, with adequate Doctors and paramedical staff at a cost of Rs.30 lakh each and in total Rs.2.10 crore will be incurred from the temple fund.
- The Dearness Allowance of the temple staff has been enhanced at an additional expenditure of Rs.25 crore.
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- Distribution of new dresses to Archakas and Uniforms to Temple Staff to celebrate Thai Thirunal and by this, 50,000 temple staff get benefited.
- The exgratia for the Pongal festival for the temple staff has been increased to Rs.2,000.

- ❖ Inauguration of the New Water Scheme, the New Dining hall for Annadhanam and the elevator arrangement in the upper rope car in Arulmigu Dhandayuthapaniswamy Temple, Palani and bell tower constructed at a cost of Rs.23.81 crore.

- ❖ The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu chaired the meeting of the Advisory Committee held at the Office of the Commissioner, the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department to discuss the improvement of various amenities, maintenance and repair in temples for devotees.

- ❖ Inauguration of the Control Room in the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Commissioner Office for supervising the daily activities through the CCTV Cameras installed in the Senior Grade Temples.

- ❖ The Executive Officers of 314 temples of Tamil Nadu received the BHOG Certificate issued by the Food Safety and Standard Authority of India by adhering to the benchmarks established by them in the preparation and distribution of food items.

- ❖ Kumbabishekam was performed for 374 temples.

- ❖ 69 new vehicles for the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments department officers at a cost of Rs.5.08 crore.

- ❖ The Scheme of producing Holy Ash and Kumkum in 8 temples and distribution of the same to other temples was inaugurated.

- ❖ The Scheme of collection of fees for 225 services on payment online by 550 temples was inaugurated.

- ❖ The Scheme of distribution of Prasadham in 10 temples including temples at Madurai, Palani, Thiruchendur and Srirangam was inaugurated.

- ❖ Construction of an additional modern building with the latest amenities at a cost of Rs.15 crore in the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department.

- ❖ 33 Employees who were on daily wage/ consolidated pay have got regularisation orders.

- ❖ Foundation stones have been laid for new works at an estimated cost of Rs.104.77 crore, which is undertaken in 18 temples.

- ❖ Inauguration of the construction work of an additional building in the Office of Commissioner with modern facilities at a cost of Rs.15 crore by laying the foundation stone.

- ❖ Service regularisation orders have been issued to 425 temple employees working in temples on daily wage / consolidated pay.

- ❖ The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu released a book containing details of immovable properties belonging to temples, which were retrieved from encroachments.

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu laid the foundation stone constructing 24 new structures and a new temple tank at an estimated cost of Rs.53.35 crore apart from opening 14 new buildings and a renovated temple tank, belonging to 13 temples, through Video Conference.
- Inauguration of 9 training institutes including 6 institutes for Archakas belonging to temples under the control of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department.
- Appointment orders have been issued to 22 persons who have been selected by the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission for the post of Executive Officer Gr. I in Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department.
- The Thiruppani and enhancement works to improve basic amenities for the devotees at Arulmigu Subramaniaswami Thirukkoil, Tiruchendur at acost of Rs.300 crore.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, in order to mark the occasion of celebrating 3 mega events on Vallalar for 52 weeks, released Vallalar – 200 logos, Postal Cover and a special book on Vallalar and inaugurated the 1st week events and the year-long Annadhanam at Arulmigu Kapaleeswarar Karpagambal marriage Hall, Raja Annamalai Puram Chennai.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, on his visit to the office of the Commissioner (Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments), has released 108 replenished versions of antiquated Spiritual books, opened a book stall and distributed appointment orders on compassionate grounds to beneficiaries.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu distributed orders to 24 teaching and non-teaching staff to mark the issuance of orders for the hike in consolidated pay to 354 temporary teaching and non-teaching staff working in 5 colleges and One school.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has distributed a cheque of Rs.3 crore for providing assistance to 88 temples coming under the management of Thanjavur Palace Devasthanam.

Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority

Expansion of Chennai Metropolitan Area

- Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority has proposed to expand the Chennai Metropolitan Area to an area of 5,904 sq. km incorporating 1,225 villages.

Regularisation Unit (Building)

- 109 special buildings and 10 MSB have been regularized.

Regularisation of unauthorized Plots /Layouts – 2017

- CMDA has approved 560 in-principle layout frameworks and 43 layouts. Totally, 603 approvals have been issued wherein 27,971 plots were regularized during the period.

Filling up Vacancies by Direct Recruitment

- In Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority, 15 vacancies in the post of Assistant Planner, 15 vacancies in the post of Planning Assistant Grade-I and 10 vacancies in the post of Driver have been filled up by Direct Recruitment.

Planning Permission Issued Details

- Orders have been issued for 316 Layout / Sub-Division and 78 Reclassification of Land.

Area Development Unit

- The progress of construction of the New Mofussil Bus Terminus at Kilambakkam has reached 91 per cent completion. The value of the work involved is Rs.266.9 crore.
- For establishing the sub-station, 1.50 acres of land at Kilambakkam Mofussil Bus Terminal

was approved to be handed over free of cost to TNEB.

- The tender has been floated for the Landscaping of the Kilambakkam Mofussil Bus Terminal.
- A consultant has been appointed for the works for preparation of the Feasibility report, DPR, Project Monitoring, and other related works for the construction of the Bus Stand at Mamallapuram.
- The consultancy works for Single Concessionaire for the operation and maintenance of the Mofussil Bus Stand at Kilambakkam, Kuthambakkam and Madhavaram at a cost of Rs.99.90 lakh was awarded to a consultancy firm.
- Consultancy work for best utilisation of CMBT and CCCBT after shifting of the Bus Terminal to the new Mofussil Bus Terminal was awarded to a consultancy firm at a cost of Rs.36 lakh.
- To have the quality check of the recently constructed / ongoing projects of CMDA, CUBE / IIT was awarded to a consultancy firm to undertake the job at a cost of Rs. 30.10 lakh.
- The upgradation of the roads and other infrastructure at the Iron & Steel Market at Santhangadu has been approved to a value of Rs.12 crore.
- For the first and second waves of COVID-19, a Waiver of rent was accorded to the Lessees' of all schemes of CMDA and 50 per cent of the rent waiver was given.
- Night Shelter has been constructed at Koyambedu for the benefit of the labourers in Koyambedu Wholesale Market Committee (KWMC) to the value of Rs.2.67 crore.
- The community hall was constructed at an extent of 1.07 acres to the value of Rs.5.85 crore at Kattankolathur village, Maraimalai Nagar and handed over to Maraimalai Nagar Municipality.
- The construction of Mofussil Bus Terminus at Kuthambakkam, financially achieved Rs.183 crore or work completion which is 60 per cent of the work value.
- The consultant has been appointed for the modernization of the Koyambedu Wholesale Market Committee (KWMC).
- The consultant has been appointed for the decentralization of the Koyambedu Wholesale

Market Committee (KWMC) to avoid traffic congestion in and around the market area.

- ❖ Maraimalai Nagar pilot Drone Survey work has been taken up and completed.

Enforcement Cell

- ❖ 706 Completion Certificates, 291 Locked & Sealed Notices, 12 Locked & Sealed buildings and 79 Stop Work Notices were issued.

Mass Rapid Transit System Phase II Extension-from Velachery to St. Thomas Mount

- ❖ The Government has extended the MRTS Phase II project from Velachery to St. Thomas Mount for a distance of 5 km to complete a rail loop at a cost of Rs.734.01 crore. The project would be completed and put into operation by the end of 2023.

Funding of Central Square Project for CMRL

- ❖ Administrative Sanction for Rs.389.42 crore and permit for CMDA to release a sum of Rs.120.03 crore to CMRL for carrying out the Central Square project after adjusting the amount of Rs.269.39 crore due by CMRL to CMDA.

Master Plan Unit:

- ❖ In order to reduce the congestion in Chennai Metropolitan Authority, it has been proposed to develop new towns with all amenities in the areas surrounding the city. In this regard, notifications for declaration of intention to specify New Town Development Areas of Thirumazhisai, Chengalpattu, Minjur, Thiruvallur, and Kancheepuram have been published.

- ❖ The preparation of the Vision Document for the Third Master Plan for the Chennai Metropolitan Area is in progress. For this purpose, to prepare the Vision Document for Chennai Metropolitan Area, public opinion is being collected via questionnaire through QR code.

Regularisation Unit (buildings) 113 A

- ❖ Approval for 56 Special Buildings, 6 MSB and 3 I & I files have been issued.

Area Development Unit

- ❖ The progress of construction of the New Mofussil Bus Terminus at Kilambakkam near Vandalur reached 98 per cent completion. The value of the work involved is Rs.289.62 crore.

- ❖ The construction of Mofussil Bus Terminus at Kuthambakkam near Thirumazhisai has been completed at a cost of Rs.186 crore of work completion which is 62 per cent of the work value.

Area Plans Unit

- ❖ Approval for 174 Non-High Rise Buildings (NHRB) and 20 High Rise Buildings (HRB) have been issued.

Layout / Reclassification Division

- ❖ Approval for 137 Layout / Sub-Division and 54 Reclassification (Land Use) have been issued.

Road and Rail Unit

- ❖ In order to expedite the implementation of the Mass Rapid Transit System Phase-II extension, as requested by the Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA), the Government of Tamil Nadu has appraised the proposal and released Rs. 59.28 crore to MTP-R. The total cost of the project is Rs. 732.89 crore, the Government of Tamil Nadu's share is Rs. 488.62 crore and the Government of India's share is Rs.244.27 crore.

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Finance, Planning, Human Resources Management, Pensions and Pensionary benefits and Statistics

Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Human Resources Management

Dr. Palanivel Thiaga Rajan

Chief Minister's public relief fund

- Rs. 578 crore has been obtained as Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund.
- Financial assistance for a sum of Rs. 260 crore has been sanctioned towards the precautionary measures relating to the second and third waves of Covid-19.
- Financial assistance for a sum of Rs. 25 crore has been sanctioned towards the purchase of life-saving medicines for the treatment of 'Black Fungus'.
- Financial assistance for a sum of Rs.9.20 lakh has been sanctioned to procure food for the unattended

stray animals on the road, during the Covid-19 lockdown period.

- Relief assistance for a sum of Rs. 18.95 crore has been sanctioned to deposit Rs.5 lakh each in the name of 379 children who have lost both of their parents due to Covid-19.
- Relief assistance for a sum of Rs. 399 crore has been sanctioned at the rate of Rs.3 lakh each for the 13,291 children who have lost one of their parents due to Covid-19.
- Relief assistance for a sum of Rs. 27 lakh has been sanctioned at the rate of Rs.3 lakh each for 9 children of Sri Lankan Tamils refugee camps, who have lost one of their parents due to Covid-19.
- Relief assistance for a sum of Rs.2 crore has been sanctioned at the rate of Rs.10 lakh or Rs.5 lakh each for the 21 families of News Reporters and Journalists who died due to Covid-19.
- Relief assistance for a sum of Rs. 101 crore has been sanctioned at the rate of Rs.25 lakh each for 404 families of frontline Government employees, who died due to Covid-19.
- Relief assistance for a sum of Rs. 1.15 crore has been sanctioned at the rate of Rs. 5 lakh each for the 23 families of Government employees and temporary frontline contract workers who died due to an accident while engaged on Covid-19 duty.
- Relief assistance for a sum of Rs. 8.31 crore has been sanctioned to the 746 families of persons who died due to various unexpected incidents.
- Financial assistance for a sum of Rs.25 lakh has been sanctioned at the rate of Rs.50,000 each for the 50 poor and needy students for their technical education.
- Relief assistance for a sum of Rs. 86.87 crore has been sanctioned as a special case to the 1,033 individuals or families of those who died/were injured due to various reasons.

Integrated Finance and Human Resources Management System (IFHRMS)

- For all the pensioners, through IFHRMS, the Pension payments are made in all District Treasuries and at Pension Pay Office (PPO), Chennai.
- The remittances to the Government can be made online 24x7 by using www.karuvoolam.tn.gov.in website.
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- The E-challan in IFHRMS which enables to remit the receipts of the Government as e-receipts, has been integrated with major revenue earning Departments such as Commercial Taxes and Prohibition and Excise Department.
- Strong Room Operation and Stamp management with IFHRMS have been enabled.
- Old age pension for 32.8 lakh beneficiaries is disbursed every month through IFHRMS software.
- Assistance to 6.50 Lakh beneficiaries under Dr.Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit scheme is released through IFHRMS.
- Scholarship payment through IFHRMS to students every month under Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Higher Education Assurance Scheme - Pudhumai Penn is operational now throughout the State.
- Integration with “Jeevan Praman” is used for the annual mustering of pensioners to generate Digital Life Certificates since July 2022.
- Out of Treasury transactions with Accountant General have also been integrated and are done in IFHRMS.

Other Integrated Schemes Which are Ready for Implementation

- Integration of e-Vahan of the Transport Department and Registration Department will be completed shortly.

- ❖ Integration of TANGEDCO and BSNL.
- ❖ Updation of e-SR by Departments.
- ❖ Income Tax- Filling of periodical income tax returns by DDOs- 24Q, 24G & 26Q development completed, latest changes to be incorporated.
- ❖ Details of the taxes collected by the Registration Department and Transport Department through the IFHRMS, integration works are in progress.
- ❖ The CII CONNECT technology leading award was given to the Department of Treasuries and Accounts, Government of Tamil Nadu by the Confederation of Indian Industries.

Integrated Finance Complex Named Perasiriyar Thiru.k.Anbazhagan Maaligai

- ❖ To commemorate the centenary birth anniversary of former Finance Minister Thiru.K.Anbazhagan, a bust-size statue of the leader was installed at the integrated office Complex for Finance Department and the building was named "Perasiriyar Thiru. K.Anbazhagan Maaligai".

Installation Of (CCTV) Cameras In Treasury Offices

- ❖ Procurement of 390 CCTV Cameras with storage facility from the ELCOT to be installed in treasury offices located in 40 places across Tamil Nadu.

New Health Insurance Scheme

- ❖ The Government has extended the New Health Insurance Scheme for a further period of four years.
- ❖ The New Health Insurance Scheme aims to provide medical assistance of up to Rs.5 lakh to the employees of Government Departments, Local Bodies, Public Sector Undertakings, Statutory boards and State Government Universities, willing State Government Organizations / Institutions and their eligible family members.
- ❖ Under the new scheme, the maximum limit has been enhanced to Rs. 10 lakh for the medical expenses incurred for the treatment of specified diseases.
- ❖ Covid-19 treatment has been included under specified illness list to avail medical assistance upto Rs. 10 lakh.

- Under the New Health Insurance Scheme, 86,616 beneficiaries have availed medical assistance costing Rs. 401.20 crore.
- The coverage of medical assistance under the New Health Insurance Scheme has been extended to treatment/undergone surgery in a non-network hospital and in such cases, the quantum of reimbursement shall be restricted to 75% of the package rate of similar procedure in a similar Network hospital.
- Medical assistances are given through 1,223 networked hospitals and 16 Government radiation therapy centres for cancer treatment located in Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Bengaluru, Thiruvananthapuram and New Delhi.
- Under the New Health Insurance Scheme, 1,11,860 beneficiaries have availed medical assistance costing Rs.523.7 crore so far.
- For the treatment of COVID for Government employees under the New Health Insurance Scheme for Employees, a corpus fund has been created with a sum of Rs.5 crore. Financial allocation of Rs. 50 crore has been accorded.
- Rs. 4 crore has been sanctioned to reimburse the medical expenses for the Covid treatment taken in Non-Network Hospital under Non-Emergency Condition.

District Collectors Pensioners' Grievances Day Meeting

- Through the 49 Pensioners Grievances meetings held in Districts, 1,033 petitions received from pensioners were redressed.

Pension Adalat

- Pension Adalat has been constituted by the Tamil Nadu Legal Services Authority at High Court Complex, with effect from 22.02.2002. The Government formed a Committee consisting of the Director of Pension, officers from concerned Departments in the Secretariat, Heads of Departments and representative of the Accountant-General to execute directions and follow up action on the Pension Adalat upon settlement of Pensioners' grievances put forth before the authority. The Director of Pension has been nominated as the Nodal Officer for the Adalat. The Adalat meeting has not been conducted during the period from 07.05.2021 to 16.03.2022 due to Covid-19 protocols.

Family Security Fund For Government Employees

- Under the Family Security Fund for Government Employees scheme, the lumpsum grant under Family Security Fund payable in the case of Government Employees who die while in service has been enhanced from Rs. 3 lakh to Rs. 5 lakh. Similar benefits were extended under Group Insurance Scheme to the employees of the Local Bodies, Aided Schools, Aided Colleges, Aided Technical Education Institutions, etc.

Pensioners' Family Security Fund Scheme

- Under the Government of Tamil Nadu Pensioners' Family Security Fund Scheme, in the case of death of Pensioner after one month of contribution to the fund, a sum of Rs. 50,000 is paid to the eligible family members or nominee of the pensioners.
- Under this Scheme, total number of 15,003 claims have been settled and a sum of Rs. 50 crore has been disbursed to the members of the families of deceased pensioners.
- The pensioner's contribution towards Government of Tamil Nadu Pensioner's Family Security Fund scheme shall be enhanced from Rs.80 to Rs.150 per month.

Local Fund Audit Department

- Out of 4,073 auditable institutions like Local Bodies, Universities, District Library Authorities and Market committees the audit for the year 2020-2021 has been completed.

- 30,518 pensioners are receiving monthly pension through four nationalized banks.
- An information desk has been opened at the Directorate of Local Fund Audit for redressing the grievances of local body pensioner/family pensioners.
- In respect of Municipal pensioners, during the period 105 claims were settled and Rs. 46.31 lakh was sanctioned under the Pensioners' Health Fund Scheme and 239 claims were settled and Rs.106 lakh was sanctioned under Family Security Fund Scheme.
- In respect of Panchayat Union Pensioners, 167 claims were settled and Rs. 76.35 lakh was sanctioned under pensioners' Health Fund Scheme.
- 392 claims were settled and Rs. 173.54 lakh was sanctioned under Family Security Fund Scheme.
- A sum of Rs.18 crore was sanctioned as interest on the balance of Provident Fund Deposits of Local Bodies.
- A sum of Rs. 45.99 lakh has been distributed to 342 Endowment institutions towards the award of scholarships, prizes, medals, etc.
- Contributory Pension Scheme accounts for 308 Panchayat Unions have been audited for the year 2020-2021.
- Contributory Pension Scheme accounts for 14 Corporations, 121 Municipalities and 528 Town Panchayats have been audited for the year 2021-2022.
- A sum of Rs. 12.27 crore have been recovered during the period, on account of settlement of 27,928 audit objections relating to Town Panchayats, Municipalities, Corporations, Universities and other miscellaneous institutions.
- In order to enhance quality of audit, Refresher Training has been given to all the auditors.
- Audit Information Management System has been implemented in the Local Fund Audit Department.
- As per ELCOT guidelines, AIMS application data has been moved to enhanced Tamil Nadu State Data Center (TNSDC) server.

State Government Audit Department

- Audit has been completed for 3,79,362 Noon Meal Centres and 4,239 Miscellaneous institutions.

- Rs. 8.53 crore has been collected as audit fees.
- The loss pointed out in 12,287 audit paras to the tune of Rs. 1,469.6 lakh was recovered and remitted to the Government Account.

Small Savings Department

- The Small Savings Collection has been increased considerably in Post Office Savings Bank Account Scheme, Post Office Monthly Income Scheme Post Office Recurring Deposit Scheme and Senior Citizen Savings Scheme.

World Thrift Day Celebrations

- During the World Thrift Day Celebrations, competitions on Drama, Oratorical, Essay and Dance competitions are being conducted among the students and awards are given.

Department of Audit For Milk Co-operatives

- Audit completed in all the 10 Units of Tamil Nadu Co-operative Milk Producers Federation and Audit certificates issued.

Special Reports

- Serious irregularities / lapses were detected for Rs.120.76 crore in 9 units of Tamil Nadu Milk Producers Federation for the Audit year 2019-2020.
- Serious irregularities / lapses were detected for Rs. 6.19 crore in 829 Primary Milk Producers Co-operative Societies. The special reports regarding these irregularities have been sent to the Administrative Department for further action.

Audit For Hindu Religious And Charitable Endowments Department

- The audit wing functioning under the control of Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department was separated and brought under the administrative control of the Finance Department as the Hindu Religious Institutions Audit Department.

Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Development Board

Chennai City Partnership

- A unique model of development named “Chennai City Partnership”.

Chennai City Partnership – Sustainable Urban Services Program – Phase 1

- The program will focus on services in the Departments of Health, Sanitation, Mobility, Water and Sewerage.
- The overall co-ordination of the program will rest with the Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Development Board (TNIDB) under the Finance Department of the Government of Tamil Nadu.
- The Government of Tamil Nadu has accorded revised in-principle approval for Chennai City Partnership – Sustainable Urban Services Program and its Disbursement Linked Indicators.

Planning And Development Department

Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiatives (TANII) Scheme:

- To encourage a culture of innovation in the Government and various Government Departments, 29 proposals worth Rs.104.57 crore in the State Planning Commission.

Tamil Nadu State Land Use Research Board

- State Planning Commission to assess the Land Resources and advice the Government in Policy interventions in the areas of land and water resources.
- 9 New Research Studies and 1 workshop has been approved at a cost of Rs.1.52 crore.

Special Area Development Programme

- In the Districts of The Nilgiris, Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Erode, Dindigul, Madurai, Theni, Virudhunagar, Kanniyakumari, Tenkasi and Tirunelveli through the Departments of

Environment, Climate Change and Forests, 263 works have been completed at a cost of Rs.23.81 crore.

- ❖ 236 works have been completed by the Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department at a cost of Rs.22.36 crore.
- ❖ 14 works have been completed at Rs.2.64 crore by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department and 237 works have been completed at Rs.34.70 crore by the Agricultural Engineering Department.
- ❖ 2 works have been completed by the Department of Agriculture Marketing & Agri Business at a cost of Rs.5.64crore.
- ❖ 65 works have been completed by the Animal Husbandry, Dairying, Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare Department at a cost of Rs.1.84 crore.
- ❖ Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department has provided Rs. 11.50 lakh for the Construction of the Kitchen cum Dining Hall for the Government Tribal Residential School at Amaravathi Nagar in Udumalpet Taluk of Tiruppur District for the use of students.
- ❖ 16 works have been completed by the Health and Family Welfare Department at a cost of Rs.1.71 lakh.
- ❖ 12 works have been completed by the Industries Department at a cost of Rs.7.33 crore.
- ❖ 58 works have been completed by the Public Works Department at a cost of Rs.10.60 crore.
- ❖ 78 works have been completed by the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department at a cost of Rs.12.89 crore.
- ❖ 6 works have been completed by the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department at a cost of Rs.0.35 lakh.
- ❖ 3 works have been completed by the Tourism Department at a cost of Rs.0.92 lakh.

Evaluation and Applied Research Department

- ❖ Evaluation and Applied Research Department has submitted 793 Evaluation Studies to the Government for evidence-based decision making, policy formulation and fine-tuning of the programmes Government from 1974.
- ❖ Follow up of children who underwent Cochlear Implant Surgery under Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme.

Girl Child Protection Scheme in Tamil Nadu.

- ❖ Design Development and Implementation of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles for Disaster and Societal Application.
- ❖ Present Status of the Students in Chennai and Kancheepuram Resettlements and the Reasons for Dropout.
- ❖ A publication of "Tamil Nadu An Economic appraisal 2017" has been prepared and is to be published.
- ❖ Evaluation report regarding the Special Public Distribution System has been submitted to the Government.

Human Resources Management Department

- ❖ The Maternity Leave admissible to women Government employees has been enhanced to 12 months.
- ❖ To encourage the Government employees to acquire higher qualifications that will enhance their work efficiency and execution, an incentive for acquiring higher qualifications will be announced.
- ❖ Maximum Age Limit prescribed for appointment by direct recruitment has been enhanced by 2 years.
- ❖ Orders were issued for giving priority to children who have lost both their parents due to Coronavirus, persons who had studied in Government Schools through Tamil Medium and those who are First-generation graduates in the appointment for Government services made through Employment Exchanges.

- Special Investigation Cells of the Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption have been created in the newly formed Districts i.e., Chengalpattu, Ranipet, Tirupathur, Kallakurichi, Mayiladuthurai and Tenkasi. Special Investigation Cell in Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption.
- The existing three ranges were reorganized into five Ranges i.e., Chennai City Range, Central Range, North Range, West Range and South Range and each range is supervised by a Superintendent of Police.
- To make the Tamil Language Paper compulsory as a qualifying examination in all the competitive examinations conducted by the Recruiting Agencies in Tamil Nadu.
- The Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission (Additional Functions) Rules, 2022, have been framed and both the Act and the Rules have been implemented in the State, accordingly for vesting the function of recruitment of posts in the State-owned Public Undertakings, State Corporations and Statutory Boards and Authorities under the control of the State Government to the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission.
- Four members have been appointed to the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission.
- The system of e-office has been launched in Human Resources Management Department.

Tamil Nadu State Training Policy, 2022

- Through the implementation of the Tamil Nadu State Training Policy, 2022, the efficiency of employees/officers working in Head Secretariat Departments, Government Departments, District Collectorates, Public Sector Undertakings, Boards and Corporation Offices will be improved.
- By giving training in all the Districts similar to that of training at the Bhavanisagar, 9,200 employees have benefitted by completing the training on time.

Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission

- The Commission has introduced the Tamil Qualifying Test in all the Examinations.
- The Commission has published 12 Notifications and has conducted 10 Competitive Examinations.
- For the very first time in the Commission's History, Commission has conducted the Departmental Examinations in the mode of Computer Based Test in all District Centres.
- Grievance Redressal Cum Call Centre (GRCC) has been established to resolve the queries of the candidates.

Statistics Department

Agriculture

- Under the Prime Minister Fasal BhimaYojana Scheme, Kharif and Rabi Season 99,774 experiments were conducted and Average Yield data was furnished to Insurance companies for 34 crops.
- During Kharif and Rabi season, 1,32,534 experiments are planned, village list is sent to all the Districts for 36 Agriculture and Horticulture crops.
- Under the Marketable Surplus Scheme, the data collected from 1,302 experiments for Paddy crop and season-wise percentage of marketable surplus estimates and Annual report released.
- Under the Marketable Surplus scheme, 1,276 experiments for Paddy crop village list sent to Districts.
- Data was collected from 597 Rainfall stations every month and an Annual report was released.
- Agriculture wages details are collected from 385 blocks and the month-wise Index on wages is estimated and sent to Union Government. The Annual Report was released.
- Crop area for 9 principal crops estimated for 3,480 villages for Kharif and Rabi seasons and sent to Union Government. Fund allocated is Rs.1.50 crore.
- Under the improvement of the Crop Statistics scheme, checks on Area enumeration were undertaken for 520 model villages for both Central and State samples (Phase-I) and reports were sent to Union Government. Fund allocated is Rs.62 lakh.
- Under the Minor Crops Scheme, the estimation of average yield and production for 8 crops was undertaken and the Annual report was released. 665 villages were selected for crop cutting experiments.
- Under the fruits and vegetable schemes, an estimation of average yield and production for 13 crops was undertaken and the Annual report was released. 750 villages were selected for crop cutting experiments.
- Under the survey of Coconut and Arecanut, an estimation of Average Yield and Production for Coconut and Arecanut was undertaken and an Annual report was released. 379 villages for Coconut and 64 villages for Arecanut were selected for crop cutting experiments.
- Report for Phase- III which contains details on the number of parcels, multiple cropping, land use pattern, use of chemical fertilisers, organic and inorganic manure, agricultural implements and agricultural credit availed by cultivators has been released.
- Season and Crop Report which contains important information on key parameters of the primary sector of the Economy has been released.
- Crop Forecast based on the reconciled month-wise area details, first and second Advance Estimates of Area and Production for the state estimated and sent to the Union Government in time.
- Under the crop estimation survey, Annual Report was released. Estimation of Average yield and production for 17 crops was undertaken. 9,500 crop cutting experiments were planned.

Data Analytic Unit (DAU)

- Covid Pulse Survey (Telephonic Survey) Wave-4 completed and Reports sent to Government.
- Tamil Nadu Elderly Panel Survey Wave-1 is being conducted in 5 Districts viz., Chennai, Tiruvannamalai, Trichy, Dharmapuri and Kanniyakumari.
- A baseline survey on the knowledge, attitude and practices of citizens of voters has been

conducted and the report was submitted to the Chief Electoral Officer on September 2022.

- An online survey on the knowledge, attitude and practices of citizens of voters has been conducted and the report was submitted to the Chief Electoral Officer.
- The Fact Sheet on Sustainable Development Goals for the year 2021 in respect of Tamil Nadu has been released on 04.03.2023.
- Statistical Hand Book of Tamil Nadu 2020-2021 released on 29.12.2022 and “Tamil Nadu at a Glance - 2021-2022” released on 15.02.2023.
- Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad conducted a 4-day online programme for the nodal officials of the Department SDG units.
- Orientation on District Good Governance Index to officials at the Department and District level to facilitate data collection.
- Training with the support of the Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office on Output-Outcome Monitoring Framework was held by the Statistical Training Institute in Anna administrative Staff College where officials at the State level were trained for two days in a participatory workshop.
- In 100 days, 8 cluster District meetings covering all the Districts were held.
- Two-day training was organised in KILA for the localisation of SDGs and women and child friendly local governance at the Panchayat level with a field visit to Panchayats in Kerala to view the local governance structures.
- Social media’s Influence has given rise to a different genre of communication, where conversations can be quick and Information is easily relayed and this was used for spreading messages regarding SDGs. Social Media accounts such as #tnsdggoalkeepers and a logo has been created and launched by the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu .
- A Writeshop was conducted to create material for dissemination in print and through local media on the SDGs and this can be used for spreading behaviour change communication messages and the Important action points to reach the sustainable development goals.
- A SDG Desk calendar has been prepared for dissemination so that each month we can focus on one Sustainable Development Goal, Investments made by the Governement of Tamil Nadu for the Sustainable Development Goals and books on “The thematic approach to SDGS” presents the thematic approach under nine themes to achieving SDGs at the Panchayat level.

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Milk and Dairy Development

Hon’ble Minister for Milk & Dairy Development

Thiru. S.M. Nasar

Dairy Development Department

- ❖ The selling price of all types of Aavin milk has been reduced Rs.3 per litre for benefit of consumers.
- ❖ The sachet milk sales of Aavin has increased by three lakh liters per day.
- ❖ In order to benefit 4 lakh milk producers in the State, the milk procurement price have been increased

Rs.3 per litre of milk. The procurement price of cow milk has been increased from Rs.32 to Rs.35 and buffalo milk from Rs.41 to Rs.44.

- Reduction of milk sales price, helped Aavin milk consumers to save Rs.270 crore per year.
- During Diwali festival in the year 2021, The sale of Aavin milk sweets was Rs.82.11 crore.
- During Diwali festival in the year 2022, Aavin milk sweets were sold for record Rs.116 crore.
- 2.16 crore numbers of 100 ml Aavin ghee for a value of Rs.121crore have been supplied in the Government of Tamil Nadu 2022 Pongal gift pack.
- Aavin has set a record of 43.05 lakh litres of milk procurement on 22.07.2021.
- Milk cake, Mango & strawberry flavoured yoghurt, Paayasam mix, Milk protein noodles and dairy whitener were introduced for sales.
- Jackfruit ice cream, White chocolate, Cold coffee, Butter chiplets, Basundi, Aavin health mix, Processed cheese, Baked yoghurt, Aavin milk biscuit and Aavin Butter Murukku were introduced for sales.
- Aavin received second place at National level for online transactions through the National Co-operative Dairy Federation of India Limited (NCDFI) for a total value of Rs.590 crore.
- To fulfil the needs of consumers, a new ice-cream factory with a capacity to produce 1,000 litres per day has been inaugurated.
- 47 employees were appointed in the Aavin on compassionate grounds.
- Four numbers of 2,000 litres capacity Bulk Milk Coolers and 98 numbers of 5,000 litres capacity Bulk Milk Coolers were installed at a total cost of Rs.15 crore.

- 866 numbers of Automatic Milk Collection Units and 350 numbers of Data Processing Milk Collection Units were installed at a total cost of Rs.14 crore.
- The capacity of the Cattle feed plant at Erode has been increased from 150 MT per day to 300 MT per day to ensure supply of cattle feed to the producers.
- New Mineral Mixture plant with a capacity of 12 MT per day has been installed at Krishnagiri.
- Under MGNREGA, work has been initiated to construct own buildings for 50 Primary Milk Producers Co-operative Societies.
- In order to increase the sale of Aavin products, 280 new parlours have been opened.
- To avoid delay, Milk cost payment to the Milk producers is being directly credited to the Bank account of Milk Producers.
- Rs.27.60 lakh for the employees of District unions and a sum of Rs.12.58 lakh for the employees of TCMPF Ltd., have been paid as Production Linked Incentive.
- Rs.1,951.74 lakh as Bonus have been given to 1.39 lakh Milk Producers, a sum of Rs.3,432.62 lakh as Dividend and a sum of Rs.38.63 lakh as Patronage Rebate.
- To fulfil the needs of consumers, a new ice-cream factory with a capacity to produce 6,000 litres per day has been inaugurated.
- A Central Quality Control Lab have been opened in Madhavaram at a total cost of Rs.8 crore.
- New District Co-operative Milk Producers Unions have been created in Kallakurichi and Tirupattur Districts.
- Work has been initiated to expand the capacity of Salem Dairy to handle 7 lakh litres per day, and to install 30 MT capacity powder plant in Salem Dairy.
- A new Dairy with a handling capacity of 50,000 litres per day is under construction in Thoothukudi District.
- Green fodder production in 500 acres has been implemented by imparting training and supplying fodder seeds to the milk producers by Aavin.

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Inaugurates year-long ‘Annadhanam’ on the Thani Perunkarunai Day as a part of the Mupperum Vizha of Vallalar - 05.10.2022.

Interacts with the Differently- abled persons at a Government function in Pudukkottai District on 08.06.2022.

Minorities Welfare, Non Resident Tamils Welfare, Refugees & Evacuees and Wakf Board

Hon'ble Minister for Minorities Welfare and Non Resident Tamils Welfare

Thiru. Gingee K.S.Masthan

- Special food to the inmates of minority hostels during minority festivals.
- 1,000 Motorized sewing machines to minority beneficiaries at a cost of Rs.61.60 lakh.
- Minority welfare offices in 5 minority concentrated Districts at a cost of Rs.1.75 crore.
- Orders were issued to form 3 Muslim Women Aid Societies in Theni, Krishnagiri and Viluppuram Districts and 3 Christian Women Aid Societies in Karur, Madurai and Theni Districts.
- Bicycles to 10,583 registered members of the Ulemas and Employees Welfare Board at a cost of Rs. 5.43 crore.

- Financial assistance to Nuns/Sisters for Jerusalem Pilgrimage has been enhanced to Rs.60,000 at a cost of Rs. 11.50 lakh.
- Loans to the tune of Rs.36.18 crore have been disbursed to 6,034 Minority beneficiaries through the Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation.
- An annual administrative grant of Rs.2.50 crore is sanctioned to the Tamil Nadu Wakf Board. Now, orders have been issued to sanction an incentive at the rate of a 5% additional administrative grant based on the contribution collected by the board.
- Construction of own buildings to 4 zonal offices of Tamil Nadu Wakf board at a cost of Rs. 64 lakh.
- In order to safeguard the Wakf properties in Tamil Nadu, a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with the Institute of Remote Sensing, Anna University, Chennai, Jawaharlal Technological University, Hyderabad and the Department of Geography, the University of Madras for GPS/GIS mapping of 60,000 Wakf properties by using drones.
- The annual grant for renovation and repairs of Mosques, Dargahs and other Wakf institutions has been enhanced to Rs.6 crore and 70 Wakf institutions are being benefitted. The annual grant given for the repair and renovation of Mosques and Dargahs is enhanced to Rs.10 crore.
- Orders were issued to establish a "Church Priests and Employees welfare board" and action is being taken in this regard.
- E-Libraries were set up in 275 College hostels, at a cost of Rs.2.20 crore.
- 15 college hostels were opened at needy places by restructuring school hostels which are having lower strength, at a cost of Rs.1.48 crore.
- College girl students are permitted to get admission in the vacant seats available in school girl hostels and so far, 3,224 college girl students have been admitted, at a cost of Rs.48.36 lakh.
- Orders were issued for the construction of own buildings to two hostels which are in dilapidated state and functioning in rental buildings at a cost of Rs.7.43 crore. Preliminary works are in progress.
- To impart the best quality education to the students of Kallar Reclamation School, 3 Residential Schools at a cost of Rs.1.17 crore were inaugurated and 160 students have been admitted to their Residential schools.
- Two Kallar Reclamation high schools at Madurai and Dindigul Districts have been upgraded into Higher Secondary schools at a cost of Rs.1.34 crore.
- State-level Educational tour for class 11 students of Kallar Reclamation schools was organized at a cost of Rs.53.28 lakh. Under the tour program, 1,757 students were taken to visit places of historical importance and cultural heritage in Ramanathapuram, The Nilgiris and Kanniyakumari Districts through TTDC.
- Incidental charges provided for conducting 3 medical checkups in a year in hostels

and Kallar Reclamation Schools have been enhanced from Rs.1,000 to Rs.3,000 at a cost of Rs.32.98 lakh.

- Orders have been issued to establish 25 Modern Laundry Units by engaging a group of 10 members involved in laundry activities at a cost of Rs.75 lakh.
- Orders have been issued to establish 25 Readymade Garment Units by engaging a group of 10 members involved in tailoring activities at a cost of Rs.75 lakh.
- Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Economic Development Corporation has disbursed loans to the tune of Rs.99.62 crore to 15,151 beneficiaries.
- In order to encourage rural minority girl students to continue their studies, orders have been issued to provide incentives to rural minority girl students who are studying classes 3 to 6, at a cost of Rs.2.75 crore.
- Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation has disbursed loans to the tune of Rs.55.28 crore to 8,785 beneficiaries.
- "Family Pension" to family members of the deceased Ulema pensioner was provided.
- Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) aims to improve the socio-economic conditions of Minorities in minorities-concentrated areas by providing basic amenities. 62 projects in 10 Districts at a cost of Rs.615.75 crore are being taken up under the scheme. So far, the first instalment of Rs.307.03 crore has been sanctioned.
- Financial assistance of Rs.4.56 crore has been given to 1,649 Haj pilgrims.
- Orders have been issued for conferring Minority status to Educational Institutions through this Department and action is being taken to create a separate web portal to implement the scheme online.
- "Minorities Rights Day" is celebrated at the state level at a cost of Rs.2.50 lakh on December 18 every year. In the year 2022, "Minorities Rights Day" was celebrated in Madurai.

Rehabilitation and Welfare of Non-Resident Tamils

- The Public (RH 1) Department has been renamed into "Commissionerate of Rehabilitation and Welfare of Non-Resident Tamils".
- The name of the camps has been changed from "Sri Lankan Refugee Camp" to "Sri Lankan Tamils Rehabilitation Camps".

Cashdole

- The monthly cashdole has been enhanced with an additional expenditure of Rs.21.29 crore per year to the State Government.

Clothing

- The procurement rates of the Clothing were enhanced. The clothes were purchased from Co-optex at an additional cost of Rs.4.52 crore and were distributed to Sri Lankan Tamils accommodated in the Rehabilitation camps in Tamil Nadu.

Utensils

- As the cooking utensils could not be supplied as per norms fixed by the Union Government,

the utensils were purchased at an additional cost of Rs.2.42 crore and were distributed to Sri Lankan Tamil families accommodated in the Rehabilitation Camps.

Scholarship to Sri Lankan Tamil Students

- Rs.1.53 crore has been released as educational assistance and at present, 1,261 students have got the benefits of the scheme.
- Rs.2.20 lakh has been sanctioned from Srilankan Tamils Relief fund as a scholarship additionally to 18 students, pursuing the Bachelor of Arts Degree Course.
- Rs.12.78 lakh has been sanctioned to cover the entire expenses towards the education of 64 students who are pursuing Postgraduate Degree courses.

Supply of Rice free of Cost

- Each Sri Lankan Tamil adult and child under the age of 8 years living in the camps are provided with 12 kg and 6 kg of rice per month, respectively. The first 20 kg of rice is provided free of cost and the extra rice was being distributed at a cost of Rs.0.57 per kg. The entire rice supplied to them will be free of cost and this is done at a cost of Rs.19 lakh.

Provision of free cooking gas connection, stove and gas cylinder at a subsidized price

- An amount of Rs. 8.66 crore has been allocated, so that every Sri Lankan Tamil family in Rehabilitation camps would be provided with free gas connection, a cooking stove and a subsidy of Rs.400 for the first five gas cylinders every year. 6,582 Sri Lankan Tamil families have been accommodated in the Rehabilitation camps and those who do not have Gas connections have been provided with free gas connections and gas stoves and a subsidy of Rs.1.30 crore has been provided for gas cylinders for 16,305 families.

Housing and Basic facilities

- 3,510 new houses are being constructed in the first phase (868 group houses and 38 single houses) and Rs.176.02 crore has been allocated.
- Sri Lankan Tamil camps at Thotanuthu, Adiyanuthu, and Gopalpatti which are located on private lands in Dindigul District were merged into one camp and set up in a Government Land at Thotanuthu Village. The new camp with 321 houses was constructed at a cost of Rs.17.17 crore.
- Apart from that, Administrative approval has been accorded for Rs.30 crore for providing drinking water facilities, toilet facilities, electricity, and drainage facilities in the camps. In this regard, in the first phase, Rs.10 crore has been sanctioned.
- Approval was given for Rs.5 crore as Srilankan Tamils livelihood Development fund to the District Collectors of 29 Districts and works are under progress in106 camps. Septic tank cleaning works have been completed in the camps of Erode, Kallakurichi, Karur, Kanniyakumari, Sivagangai, Vellore, Namakkal and Dindigul Districts. Works are in progress at other Districts.

Women Self-Help Group

- To improve the economic conditions and standard of living of women in Rehabilitation

camps, Rs.50,000 was initially provided as Community Investment Fund to 321 Women Self Help Groups of the Sri Lankan Tamils living in the Rehabilitation camps. An additional amount of Rs.75,000 is provided to these Self-Help Groups.

- Rs.1.25 lakh is sanctioned to the newly formed 300 Self-Help Groups as Community Investment Fund. In the first phase, 260 new Self-Help Groups have been identified and Rs.3.25 crore is disbursed through Women Development Corporation.

Covid-19 relief of Rs.4,000 to the Sri Lankan Tamils living in the Rehabilitation camps

- Covid cash relief assistance of Rs.4,000 had been provided to 18,944 Sri Lankan Tamil families residing in the Rehabilitation Camps, at a cost of Rs.7.58 crore. In addition, a grocery kit with 14 items (Worth Rs.465) had also been distributed to 18,944 Sri Lankan Tamil families residing in the Rehabilitation Camps at a cost of Rs.88.08 lakh. This fund has also been provided to Non-Camp Sri Lankan Tamil families who have registered with the local Police Stations.

Skill Development Training

- Skill Development training along with Employment opportunities will be given to 5,000 Sri Lankan Tamil youths to improve their livelihood and employment of the Sri Lankan Tamils staying in the Rehabilitation Camps. In this regard awareness program has been conducted by Skill Development Department in the camps at the Districts and various training courses in various fields are going on in all Districts. So far, 2,599 persons completed the training and 851 persons are undergoing training.

Advisory Committee for Long-term Solutions

- To form an Advisory Committee to explore solutions and address the challenges being encountered by the Sri Lankan Tamils both in and outside the camp. The first meeting of the Advisory Committee was conducted on 29.12.2021 and the second meeting was conducted on 12.07.2022. Two sub committees were formed and the meeting was held on 11.07.2022 and 07.10.2022.

Supply of Relief Materials to Sri Lankan people

- Due to the Economic crisis and food shortage in Sri Lanka the Government of Tamil Nadu has sent Rs.196.83 crore worth of food and essential drugs, including

40,000 metric tonnes of rice, 500 tonnes of Aavin milk powder and 101 tonnes of life-saving medicine to Sri Lanka to help them.

The arrival of Economic Migrants from Sri Lanka

- Due to the economic crisis and food shortage in Sri Lanka, Tamils have fled the country and reached the shores of Tamil Nadu. As of 31.03.2023, 236 persons arrived at Mandapam in Ramanathapuram District. They are being provided with free accommodation, food and required basic amenities. On humanitarian grounds, the school-going children were admitted to nearby schools to pursue their education.

Formation of Welfare Board for Non-Resident Tamils

- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has announced that a "Non-Resident Tamils Welfare Board" will be set up with 15 members including the Chairperson to protect the welfare of Tamils living abroad and in other States of India.

Assistance rendered by the Commissionerate

- 146 Distressed Tamils were rescued from abroad and repatriated to Tamil Nadu from various countries and 202 Mortal Remains of Tamils who died abroad were brought back to Tamil Nadu and handed over to their families. Rs.72 lakh has been spent from the revolving fund.

Non-Resident Tamils Revolving Fund

- An amount of Rs.One crore has been sanctioned by Government as Revolving Fund for Medical expenses for those who are in distress. Bringing back the mortal remains of the Non-Resident Tamils to their native places in co-ordination with the Union Government and the respective Indian Embassies abroad is being done.

Hon'ble Chief Minister's Announcement on the Welfare of Non-Resident Tamils

- Creation of Data Base for emigrating Tamils, Issuance of ID cards and insurance scheme for those registering in the Welfare Board.
- Education and Marriage assistance to the children of Non-Resident Tamil with low income who die while working in Foreign countries.
- Taking steps for the establishment of Pre-Departure Orientation Centres in 6 Districts other than Chennai.
- Creation of a Toll-free helpline (24x7), Mobile app and website to give assistance to Non-Resident Tamils.
- Formation of Legal cell to assist Non-Resident Tamils.

Celebration of World Tamil Diaspora Day

- As per the announcement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, January 12 of every year would be celebrated as 'World Tamil Diaspora Day'. This day would be celebrated with the participation and contribution of the Tamil Diaspora. This would integrate the Tamils living abroad and also encourage them. It also aims to showcase the Tamil Heritage, art, literature and culture and to carry forward it to the next generation.
- Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, 'World Diaspora Day' was celebrated virtually with

the theme 'Thamizhaal Inaivom' on January 12, 2022. This celebration was presided over by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.Various prominent Tamil Leaders across the world participated and shared their views on various topics of discussion. Apart from it, Tamil poetry sessions and cultural shows were also held. Rs.41 lakh has been sanctioned and incurred by the Government of Tamil Nadu for this purpose.

- "World Tamil Diaspora Day 2023" was celebrated with the theme "உலகெங்கும் தமிழ்" on 11.01.2023 and 12.01.2023 at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai, under the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. Tamil Sangam executives from various countries participated and exchanged their views on different topics. Apart from these, art and cultural shows were also held.

- With a view to teaching Tamil language and Tamil culture to the offspring of the Non-Resident Tamils, Government Order has been issued sanctioning Rs.12 lakh for providing incentives and imparting training to the teachers.

Evacuation of Students from Ukraine

- Due to the war between Ukraine and Russia, more than 2,000 students from Tamil Nadu who were pursuing medicine and other higher studies were stranded in Ukraine. With the Hon'ble Chief Minister's active intervention, a State Control Room was established immediately. Moreover, a high-level delegation with 3 Members of Parliament and One Member of the Legislative Assembly was formed to co-ordinate with each of the neighbouring countries of Ukraine to co-ordinate their return. All efforts were made to rescue the students inside Ukraine and all transportation arrangements were made for their travel to their home from New Delhi for those who returned on "Operation Ganga" flights. So far, 1,524 students returned to their hometowns. The State Government bore

the entire expenditure. An amount of Rs.3.50 crore has been sanctioned and Rs.3.26 crore has been expended in this regard.

Repatriation of Tamils from Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar

- On the basis of reports which came to the notice of the Government of Tamil Nadu that many Indians, including persons from Tamil Nadu, were taken to Cambodia, Thailand - Myanmar border areas on the pretext of employment in IT jobs and were forced to do illegal online work and were severely beaten, if they refused to do such work. The Commissionerate of Rehabilitation and Welfare of Non-Resident Tamils co-ordinated with the Indian embassies in the concerned countries, for the safe return of 73 Tamils from Cambodia, Thailand and Myanmar who have been rescued and brought to Tamil Nadu. The air tickets were arranged by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

Transportation of mortal remains of Tamils who died in a helicopter crash in Uttarakhand State

- Three people from Tamil Nadu who were on a pilgrimage to Kedarnath temple in Uttarakhand died in a helicopter crash on 18.10.2022 and the mortal remains of the deceased were brought to Chennai by flights on 20.10.2022 and handed over to the relatives at the expense of the Government of Tamil Nadu.

Overseas Manpower Corporation, Ltd.,

- A website (URL: https://www.omcmanpower.com) has been provided for overseas job seekers to register themselves for overseas jobs. 3,063 candidates have registered their names for getting overseas employment. The Corporation has facilitated overseas placement for 540 candidates in various jobs in countries such as the UK, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman and Bahrain.
- The Corporation has engaged 684 persons on a contract basis in various jobs in various Government Departments through outsourcing.
- Overseas Manpower Corporation Limited (OMCL) has imparted the Occupational English Test (OET) for 481 final Year Nursing Students in 15 Nursing Colleges across Tamil Nadu in co-ordination with Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation, Chennai.

Human Rights

- Those who continue to raise their voice for Human Rights and struggle for the Rights of marginalized peoples will be examined. Based on this announcement, a one-day seminar and advisory meeting have commenced and are conducted continuously.
- The web page of the State Human Rights Commission will be created in Tamil. Based on this announcement, Commission's website has been translated into Tamil and uploaded online.
- Camps will be conducted to educate all to follow the Human Rights Principles and policies. Based on this announcement, Training camps are being conducted.

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School Education

Hon'ble Minister for School Education

Thiru. Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi

Illam Thedi Kalvi

- To address the deep regression in learning among Government school students, the School Education Department launched "Illam Thedi Kalvi". The programme successfully mobilized 2 lakh volunteers to teach 34 lakh students outside of School and within their habitations. This programme is being implemented at a cost of Rs.199.96 crore.
- The Illam Thedi Kalvi Programme has been extended into the Financial Year of 2022-2023.
- During the summer vacation, a "Reading Marathon" which is a special programme to promote the reading habit among children was launched.

- The flagship programme ‘Ennum Ezhuthum’ is being implemented to ensure that all children of Classes 1 to 3 will be able to read with comprehension and perform basic arithmetic skills by 2025. An amount of Rs.66.70 crore was allotted for this mission during 2021-2022.

- All the Teacher’s Manuals have QR codes to access the videos for the Ennum Ezhuthum model classes. Ennum Ezhuthum model classes are being broadcast on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of every week through Kalvi Television. 72,000 Primary School Teachers have been trained through the Ennum Ezhuthum Programme. The learning levels of 13,75,780 children are being continuously monitored through an App to help improve their learning goals. This scheme will be extended to class 4 and 5 in the academic year 2023-2024.

- **Career Guidance under Naan Mudhalvan Scheme:** Career Guidance centres have been established in all High & Higher Secondary schools under the ‘Naan Mudhalvan’ Scheme, to guide students in Classes 9 to 12 on higher education and employment opportunities. Curriculum, syllabus and modules have been developed involving career guidance experts.

- A separate portal ‘Naan Mudhalvan’ has been created in which all the information related to higher education and employment opportunities required for the students have been uploaded. Students and parents are benefitted from the data provided on this portal. Career Guidance Camps have been conducted by co-ordinating two or three blocks. 13,19,742 Higher Secondary Students have benefited under the ‘Naan Mudhalvan’ Scheme.

- School Management Committees (SMC) in all Government Schools across the State have been reconstituted and training is being conducted for SMC Members regarding all the aspects of SMCs. This enables grassroots empowerment of the concerned stakeholders who come together to formulate the School Development plans.
- Model Schools are functioning as residential schools setting benchmarks for excellence, equity and progressive education. 10 new model schools were formed in the academic year 2021-2022. In the academic year 2022-2023, 15 new model schools and a center of academic excellence are also being established with the total cost of Rs.125.32 crore.
- To empower the students studying classes 6th to 8th in Government schools and to kindle interest and enhance the aptitude in STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) a Mobile Science Lab programme (Vanavil Mandram) is being implemented at a cost of Rs.19 crore to benefit 25 lakh students of Government schools.
- To integrate digital resources to teach Mathematics, a state-level Basic GeoGebra online training has been conducted for all 6-12 handling Math Teachers. As part of the second phase, teachers are being trained batch-wise on using GeoGebra for effective teaching in the classrooms.
- As a part of improving Infrastructure facilities in Government schools, Hi-Tech computer labs are being established in 2,713 Upper Primary schools at cost of Rs.370 crore to benefit more than 10 lakh students and teachers.
- 12,500 Smart Classrooms are also being established in Government Schools at a cost of Rs. 250 crore.
- In order to mobilise community involvement for the overall development of Government Schools in the State, the Government has launched the "Namma School Namma Oor Palli" initiative to garner support from individuals, alumni and corporates.
- To ensure the safety of children studying in schools and to protect them from harassment, a complaint/consultation box called Manavar Manasu and safety awareness banners have been set up.
- Using Information Technology to monitor the learning and teaching activities in classrooms and analyze the data obtained, a Classroom Observation App has been developed and is being used in an effective manner.
- In order to bring out the hidden abilities of the students and connect those abilities with the traditional art forums and culture, a first of its kind arts and culture module Kalai Arangam is being implemented at a cost of Rs.5 crore.
- Kalai Thiruvizha competitions were conducted for students studying in Government schools from classes 6–12 at school level, block level, District level and State level. 28,52,993 students in 13,210 Government schools participated in 206 art form competitions. Prizes, certificates and awards of Kalaiyarasan and Kalaiyarasi were presented by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to 1,759 State level winners. Among the successful

students at the State level, the top 20 students will be taken on an educational tour abroad.

❖ The Vocational group Syllabus for Classes 11 and 12 has been revamped and improved to enable NSQL certification for the students.

❖ Appointment Orders were issued by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for the post of Junior Assistant to 269 eligible legal hairs of Government employees who became deceased during their service.

❖ Workshops have been conducted to 20 District Educational Officers who were appointed by the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission.

❖ Special fees of Rs.200 which was being collected from students of Class 11 and Class 12 Computer Science group in Government Higher Secondary Schools has been waived off.

❖ 1,250 students who have completed class 11 in Government schools and excelled in academics, literature, science and quiz competitions have been selected and Summer Celebration Special Training Camp in the Nilgiri District has been conducted at a cost of Rs.72.18 lakh.

❖ The magazines "Oonjal" for elementary classes students, "Thensittu" for secondary classes students and the monthly magazine "Kanavu Asiriyar", to exchange best learning and teaching methods, have been released by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs.7.15 crore.

❖ A Comprehensive School Plan to provide improved infrastructure facilities is being implemented in Government Primary and Middle Schools which have more than 1,000 students strength at a cost of Rs.90 crore.

❖ 6,000 new classrooms are being constructed in Panchayat Union Primary and Middle Schools at a cost of Rs.800 crore. A sum of Rs.1,200 crore has also been allocated for High & Higher Secondary schools. Besides this, Rs.400 crore has been allocated for repairs and maintenance of schools.

- A pioneering school breakfast scheme was launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to provide morning breakfast to the students of Classes 1 to 5 in selected 1,545 Corporation, Municipality, Rural and Hill areas primary schools in the first phase at a cost of Rs.33.56 crore. This scheme will be extended to all the Primary Schools.

- General transfer, promotion and deployment counselling for teachers working in Government schools was conducted by online mode through EMIS.

- 4,989 Secondary Grade Teacher posts, 5,154 B.T. Assistant posts and 3,876 P.G. Assistant posts totaling to 14,019 posts were filled on temporary basis.

- 15 Middle School Headmasters have been promoted as Block Educational Officers, through promotion counselling. 61 Middle School Headmasters have been promoted to Block Educational Officer, through the promotion counselling.

- The Board Examinations for Classes 10 and 12 were conducted in May 2022 and results for both the examinations were released successfully on the same day within a time span of one month from the completion of the examinations for 17.50 lakh students through SMS / website.

- In order to improve the Tamil language literary skills of school students, a Tamil Language Literary Aptitude Test was conducted for students. Based on this test, a total of 1,500 students will be selected and they will be given a monthly stipend of Rs.1,500 for two years.

Teachers Recruitment Board

- Computer Based Test (CBT) for filling up the vacancies of Postgraduate Teacher / Director of Physical Education Level-1 / Computer Instructor Level-1 was conducted. 3,043 PG teachers were selected and appointment orders were issued.

- The examination for filling up the 97 post of Block Educational Officer was conducted through online mode and appointment orders were issued.
- The Computer Based Test (CBT) for the recruitment of 1,060 vacancies of Lecturers in Government Polytechnic Colleges was conducted and the list of 1,030 candidates was sent to Directorate of Technical Education for appointment.
- The examination for Teacher Eligibility Test – Paper I was conducted through online mode (CBT) and the examination for TET Paper II also conducted online (CBT) in February 2023.
- In order to restructure, revamp and strengthen Teachers Recruitment Board, a Committee was constituted to suggest ways and means to improve the standards & functions of TRB. Based on the recommendations of the committee, the Teachers Recruitment Board has been restructured.
- Karpom Ezhuthuvom Iyakkam was successfully implemented in all the Districts at a cost of Rs.7.19 crore, to provide Basic Literacy to adult illiterates. 3.19 lakh learners have benefited and attained basic literacy.
- A 'State Literacy Award' consisting of an appreciation certificate, memento and medals were awarded to the selected 114 best Learners Literacy Centers in which the Karpom Ezhuthuvom Iyakkam activities were implemented with an innovative approach.
- A New Literacy Programme (Puthiya Bharatha Ezhutharivu Thittam) to provide Basic Literacy to 4.80 lakh adult illiterates in the age group of 15 years and above at a cost of Rs.9.83 crore is being implemented in all the Districts. 5.28 lakh learners have been identified and enrolled in Learner's Literacy Centers.
- Special Literacy Programme is being implemented in the Aspirational Districts viz., Ramanathapuram and Virudhunagar at an estimated budget of Rs.6.23 crore. 1,68,944 learners have been benefitted and attained basic literacy through three batches of this programme.
- In order to improve the emotional well-being and life skills of students, the Government, in collaboration with UNICEF developed Student Work Books and Teacher's Manuals. This training

programme has been implemented at the cost of Rs.One crore.

- A State Assessment Cell has been established at a cost of Rs.40 lakh to improve the quality of School Education. The software for the Assessment Cell has been developed jointly by the Indian Institute of Technology, Chennai (IIT-Madras) and the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC). Using this software, the teachers design question papers and conduct exams through Hi-Tech labs in all the Government schools.

- 12,000 officials working in the School Education Department, including Joint Directors, Chief Educational Officers, Deputy Directors, Principals and Senior Lectures and Lecturers of the State Council of Educational Research and Training, District Educational Officers, Block Educational Officers and Headmasters were given residential training in the areas of Skill Development, Leadership and Management with the help of Eminent Academicians and Experts of the Country.

- The 83,000 teachers handling the Classes 1 to 3 have been given 'Ennum Ezhuthum' training. As many as 1,53,000 Secondary grade and Graduate teachers, who are teaching Classes from 1 to 10, have been trained in the Cluster Resource Centres.

Release of Books by Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu released 149 books viz., Thisaithorum Dravidam, Muthamizh Arignar Mozhipeyarpu Thittam, Ilanthalir Ilakkiya Thittam, Nalaiya Thalaimuraiku Naatudamai Noolgal and Kalaikalanjiyangal.

- Two volumes of books in honour of Kappalotiya Thamizhar V.O.Chidambaranar were released on his 150th birth anniversary by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and volumes 3 and 4 ware released during Chennai Literary Festival 2023. These books were well received by readers and books worth of Rs.1,03,550 was sold at various book fairs held across Tamil Nadu.

- Two new books titled Keezhadi and Porunai related to Archaeology and Culture of Ancient Tamil Nadu have been released. These books were well received at the 45th Chennai books fair and books worth of Rs. 18 lakh have been sold.

- 23 books were released in the category of Nationalized Books and these books worth of Rs.2.43 lakh were sold at the Chennai, Tirunelveli, Thiruvallur and Sivagangai and various other book fairs and were well received by the readers and general public.

- Appointment Orders on Compassionate Grounds to 27 legal heirs of the deceased employees served in the Public Libraries according to their educational qualification.

- Transfer Policy has been formulated for the employees of Directorate of Public Libraries and Local Library Authorities and transfers were given to the employees, at their own interest.

- The financial limit on library tax collection has been increased from 6.5% to 15% for the purchase of Newspapers and Periodicals for Public Libraries.

- Orders have been issued to provide benefits to employees who are paid from the library fund at the Anna Centenary Library and District Library Authorities.
- Appointment orders have been issued to 31 Visually challenged persons to the posts in Anna Centenary Library and District Central Libraries by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 3rd of December 2021, International Differently Abled Day (30.12.2021).
- A Digital Library has been set up with an aim of imparting a wide range of knowledge to the younger community. 29,000 books (more than 40 lakh pages) and 2,54,694 rare manuscript pages were digitized. The General Public will be able to use this digital library through the website https://tamilnadupubliclibraries.org. Preparation of Meta data is in progress.
- To maintain a complete catalogue of all Public Libraries in Tamil Nadu which can provide the bibliographical details of the holdings of each library, the Directorate of Public Libraries has created a Union Catalogue for 32 District Central Libraries, Anna Centenary Library and other Government Aided Libraries in Tamil Nadu. The details of 7 lakh books have been standardized and uploaded in the union catalogue and made available for public access through the website https://tamilnadupubliclibraries.org. Currently, 28 lakh books will soon be made available for public use.
- Under "Ungal Noolagam Ullangaiyil project", "TN Employment News" (Mobile App) and the website www.tnemployment.in have been created. Students/Young people who are looking for jobs are benefiting from it.

- To provide e-library service to public libraries in rural areas, steps have been taken to provide Wi-Fi facility in 500 libraries in the first phase.
- 152 Virtual Reality sets for the benefit of children and students using libraries have been installed in 76 libraries in 38 Districts at an estimated cost of Rs.57.20 lakh.
- In order to disseminate the knowledge of experts in various domains to all library users and the common public, a unique series of talks, "TN Talk" has been initiated with an aim of conducting 25 such programs at a cost of Rs.37.50 crore each. The programmes are being conducted.
- A Committee has been formed to ensure transparency in every stage of book procurement by making appropriate amendments to the existing procurement policy for purchase of books to Libraries. Public Libraries will purchase books accordingly.
- A High Level Committee has been formed to make amendments to the Tamil Nadu Public Libraries Act 1948 and Rules 1950 to suit the current work environment and to improve the functioning of Libraries in the State. The above committee has submitted its report to the Government and action is being taken.
- A committee has been formed to review the purchase of Newspapers and Periodicals for Public Libraries. As per the report of the said committee, selected newspapers/periodicals are being procured and supplied to the District Libraries.

- A new scheme called Friends of Library is being implemented with a total number of 12,500 volunteers in 2,500 Libraries at a cost of Rs.56.25 lakh for the benefit of 15 lakh readers wherever the library services are not available. This scheme was launched in Dindigul District.
- To promote reading as a people's movement, book fairs, on the lines of the Chennai Book Fair will be conducted in all Districts of Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs.4.96 crore. Accordingly, book fairs have been conducted in 31 Districts.
- Five literary festivals are conducted, namely Chennai, Vaigai, Kaveri, Porunai and Siruvani at a cost of Rs.63.50 lakh. Porunai Literary Festival was organized in Tirunelveli District; Chennai Literary Festival in Anna Centenary Library, Chennai; Kaveri Literary Festival in

Thanjavur District; Siruvani Literary Festival in Coimbatore District; and Vaigai Literary Festival in Madurai District were conducted.

- ❖ The Chennai International Book Fair was organized in Chennai for three days from 16.01.2023 to 18.01.2023 with participation from more than 24 countries. Around 355 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) have been signed between Tamil publishers and various players of the global publishing industry.
- ❖ Centenary Public Library of international standards in the name of Hon'ble Former Chief Minister Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar is being set up at a cost of Rs.120.75 crore and the work is in progress. This Library will serve as a beacon of enlightenment for students, academics, researchers, writers, young people preparing for competitive exams, school children and people from all walks of life.
- ❖ Anna Centenary Library has been renovated to enhance the quality and glory of the library at a cost of Rs.37.82 crore.
- ❖ In order to motivate children and to nurture writers among them, 'Kavimani' award for children writers has been instituted for students up to 18 years. From the year 2021-2022, young writers have been identified and honored with a medal and a certificate of appreciation and a cash prize of Rs.25,000.
- ❖ A hall of fame "Senthamizh Sirppigal Arangam" is being established in Anna Centenary Library at a cost of Rs.40 lakh. Photographs, manuscripts and works of eminent personalities who have received awards like the Sahitya Akademi and Jnanapith awards, will be displayed in this arangam.
- ❖ Books worth Rs.6.50 crore will be procured for the Anna Centenary Library. An amount of Rs.3.90 crore has been sanctioned for the year 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 and work is being carried out for procurement of e-Books, e-Periodicals and e-Research Journals.
- ❖ In memory of Dr.S.R.Ranganathan, Father of Library is Sciences in India, a Library is being established at his birth place Sirgazhi in Mayiladuthurai District at a cost of Rs.1.32 crore.
- ❖ In appreciation of service of Senna Pulavar A.Karmeganar, a new library is being constructed at a cost of Rs.40 lakh.
- ❖ Connemara Public Library has strengthened at a cost of Rs.3.19 crore without compromising the heritage value of the building.
- ❖ Joint publishing mutual agreements have been signed with various national and international publishers.

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Environment and Pollution Control and Ex-Servicemen

Hon'ble Minister for
Environment - Climate Change
Thiru. Siva. V. Meyyanathan

Department of Environment and Climate Change

- In order to give importance to Environmental issues, policy and actions, especially on the climate science and to mitigate and adapt with Climate change issues, the name of Department of Environment has been renamed as Department of Environment and Climate Change.

Beach Environment and Aesthetic Management System (BEAMS)programme for Blue Flag Certification in Tamil Nadu

- The Blue Flag Certification for beaches and marines is run by the international, non-governmental, non-profit Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE).

- The Kovalam Beach in Chengalpattu District, was selected as the pilot beach as it meets the water quality and safety criteria as per the Blue Flag Standards, which is implemented by the Society of Integrated Coastal Management (SICOM), MoEF&CC, GoI.

- The Beach Management Committee (BMC) has been constituted under the Chairmanship of the District Collector, Chengalpattu District to monitor and supervise the Blue Flag Beach Programme at Kovalam Beach. The Kovalam Beach, Chengalpattu has been certified with Blue Flag Award for tourism season starting from October 2021 to May 2022 on 21.09.2021 and was again renewed for the year 2022-2023

- The Government of Tamil Nadu has announced the intent for obtaining the prestigious Blue Flag Certification for 10 Beaches in next 5 years Marina Beach, Chennai District

  - Manamelkudi Beach, Pudukkottai District
  - Kushi Beach, Ramanathapuram District
  - Silver Beach, Cuddalore District
  - Kottaipattinam Beach, Pudukkottai District
  - Neelankarai Beach, Chengalpattu District
  - Kameshwaram Beach, Nagapattinam District
  - Naravakkam, Marakkanam Beach, Viluppuram District
  - Kayalpattinam Beach, Thoothukudi District
  - Neithal Nagar Beach, Nagapattinam District

- Presently, Baselines Study is being conducted through National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM), Anna University for 10 beaches in Tamil Nadu, after which the implementation will be carried out.

Eco-restoration of water bodies in Tamil Nadu

- The restoration and conservation of the lakes aims at achieving the desired water quality besides improving the biodiversity conservation and preserving the ecosystem through activities like de-silting, diversion of sewage entering into lakes, deepening of ponds, construction of retaining walls, tree planting, etc. The Department of Environment and Climate Change through Environment Management of Agency of Tamil Nadu(EMAT) and with concerned line Departments has undertaken.

- Desilting, strengthening of bund, removal of plastic dumping etc., are nearing completion under the Eco-restoration of Chitalapakkam lake in Chengalpattu District and a sum of Rs.25 crore has been allotted for the Eco-restoration works.

- The Eco-restoration works in Adambakkam under progress and in Perumbakkam and Vengaivasal Periya Eri works are nearing completion at a cost Rs.12 crore.

- Eco-restoration works in Suriyakulam in Arani Municipality at a cost of Rs.6.47 crore works are under progress.

Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP)

- The MoEF&CC, GoI has directed all the States to prepare the CZMP as per the guidelines of CRZ Notification 2019. For the State of Tamil Nadu, the National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM), MoEF&CC, GoI is preparing the maps at the scale of 1:25000 as per the Guidelines of CRZ Notification, 2019. An

amount of Rs.1.82 crore has been released to NCSCM dated: 26.07.2021. The NCSCM has prepared the draft CZMP in English. However, the Tamil version of said map are under preparation subject to the direction of the Hon'ble High Court of Madras.

- ❖ Tamil Nadu State Coastal Zone Management Authority (TNSCZMA) has conducted 7 meetings and scrutinized 49 projects which were seeking Clearance under the CRZ Notification, 2011. Out of 49 projects, the TNSCZMA has cleared 5 projects and recommended 41 projects to National Coastal Zone Management Authority (NCZMA), State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) and Local Planning Authorities (DTCP & CMDA). With reference to other 3 projects, the TNSCZMA required additional details from the Project Proponent.

Tamil Nadu Green Climate Company

- ❖ The Government has issued G.O. 101 Environment, Climate Change and Forest(EC-2) Department dated 03.11.2021. to setup the Tamil Nadu Green Climate Company to implement the three key Mission Viz.,
  - Green Tamil Nadu Mission
  - Tamil Nadu Wetland Mission
  - Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission –
  - The authorised capital of the company shall be Rs. 5 crore
- ❖ The Mission is headed by the Additional Chief Secretary (E,CC&F Dept) to Government of Tamil Nadu to oversee and co-ordinate the Climate Change issues in the State.
- ❖ While these Mission shall be implemented through the Department Environment, Climate Change and Forest, it is equally important to involve and include the academia, private sectors and societies for transitioning the state to climate friendly platforms, championing renewable energy, sustainable and resilient infrastructure, agriculture, management and protection for forests, resilience and adaptation to climate impacts.

Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission

- ❖ Tamil Nadu is the first State in India to launch Climate Change Mission to focus adaptation

and Mitigation measures for climate Change related issues. The Government will launch the Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission under the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to focus on Climate change adaptation and mitigation activities with a total outlay of Rs.500 crore. To implement various activities Rs.77.35 crore has been sanctioned for the year 2021-2023. The following activities are under progress

- Stakeholders Workshop for 38 Districts
- Rehabilitation of coastal habitats for climate change adaptation through Nature based solutions
- Carbon enrichment programme
- Sustainable Habitat
- Climate literacy and International Climate Summit
- Climate Smart Villages
- Climate resilient Green Temples

❖ Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission was launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 09.12.2022

❖ Tamil Nadu Climate Change Summit has held on 08.12.2022 and 09.12.2022. During the summit, International and National representatives and various Stakeholders were participated

Pasumai Pallikudam

❖ To prepare the young children for climate adaptation and mitigation it has been decided to implement Pasumai Pallikudam programme at the cost of Rs.20 lakh per school for 25 schools at a total cost of Rs.5 crore. The programme will be implemented through School of Education Department. These schools shall be the torchbearers and inspire other schools to follow the footprint.

Hon'ble Chief Minister's Green Fellowship programme

❖ In order to involve youth in various initiatives for climate action programme, the Chief Minister's Green Fellowship programme has been launched at a cost of Rs.6 crore. Hon'ble Chief Minister's Green Fellowship programme is Implemented through Institute of Energy Studies, Anna University. The work is under progress, the Green Fellows will help in implementation & monitoring of climate Change related activities in District.

District Climate Change Mission

❖ In order to strengthen the Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission at the District level, District Climate Change Mission with District Collector as Chairman & District Forest Officer as District Climate Officer would be constituted in all Districts at a cost of Rs.3.80 crore. The works are under progress.

Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board

❖ Considering the need for monitoring industries at Hotspots and vulnerable areas and enhanced supervision and handling of investigation/ complaints within the stipulated time three new Assistant Environmental Engineer (AEE) offices at Manali, Ranipet and Mettur have been set up at a cost of Rs.2.55 crore and they started functioning from 29.12.2021.

❖ It is decided to form Flying Squads (FS) at Chennai, Vellore and Salem to have improved vigil and monitoring of water bodies from the disposal of industrial waste, sewage and Municipal solid waste at a cost of

Rs.1.72 crore and they are also started functioning from 29.12.2021.

- 25 E-Vehicles were Purchased and flagged off by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on World Environment Day. The initiative of using E-Vehicle in TNPCB as a part of reduction in Green House Gases (GHG) emission which is an exemplary step proposed to be followed by other Government Departments.

- TNPCB issues Consent to Operate (CTO)/ Renewal of consent as a Block instead of issuing consent for every year under Ease of Doing business policy of the Government. This facilitates the industries to get away from making applications every year, reduces file processing time of TNPCB, enhances monitoring of various waste management and abatement of environmental pollution. Industries have furnished their positive feedback on the usefulness and benefits obtained through this provision.

- From December 2021 to 20th March, 2023 totally 13,276 industries have been issued with bulk consent.

- To prevent environmental damage due to leaching of Chromium sludge from M/s Tamil Nadu Chromates and Chemical Limited (M/s TCCL) works have been initiated to cover the contaminated sludge at M/s. TCCL at a cost of Rs.12 crore.

- IT wing in the Board has been formed for maintaining various IT web Applications TNPCB proposed to establish India's first Integrated Environmental Monitoring studio to monitor Industrial air/water quality, tracking of Bio Medical/ Hazardous Waste and all web applications.

- TNPCB gives training on new technologies pertaining to Environment, Environmental Acts/Rules, Self Development, Time Management, Stress Management to Government Officials, Board Engineers and Scientist through Environmental Training Institute.

- To make the functions of the Board more transparent and in turn to generate confidence and trust among the stake holders, Board is conducting "OPEN HOUSE SESSION" (OHS) on 5th of every of month at TNPCB offices wherein the public can interact with officials and sort-out their issues.

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu launched the 'Meendum Manjappai' campaign in December 2021 to create awareness among the people and to promote alternatives to plastic, alongside enforcement of ban on SUPs. Urging citizens to replace use of single use plastic carry bags with Manjappai.

- TNPCB, in co-ordination with Government of Tamil Nadu and Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MOEF&CC), Government of India, organized a first of its kind National Expo on Eco alternatives to Single Use Plastics (SUPs) and Start-up Conference 2022 on 27.09.2022 & 28.09.2022 at Chennai Trade Centre in Chennai. The Expo was organized with an objective to create a conducive environment for manufacture and sales of alternatives to plastic, promote use of such alternatives to banned plastic and to create awareness among the public on the availability of a diverse set of alternatives for SUPs.

- A first of its kind a directory on Manufacturers & Suppliers of Eco-alternative materials for SUP in Tamil Nadu was released.

- The campaign is being implemented in all Districts and awareness activities are being conducted in co-ordination with District Collectors and line Departments. The local bodies are taking action to inspect the shops / commercial establishments to check the use of SUPs and are seizing the materials already banned by the Government of Tamil Nadu and imposing fine thereon.

- As a part of implementation of Ban on single use plastics, enforcement drives (field inspections) are being carried out at the commercial establishments and other local markets near the temples across the State in all Districts.

- In support to the campaign and to make Manjappai available and accessible to public, the Government of Tamil Nadu came up with a first of its kind cloth bag vending machine and has installed these machines at strategic locations like markets, malls, public building premises such as Madras High Court Premises at Chennai and Madurai etc.

- So far, 59 Manjappai Vending Machines have been placed at various strategic locations in the State. These machines have catered to a demand of nearly 43,000 Manjappais till date.

- It is also proposed to launch of Manjappai Express travelling the entire State in the month of June, 2023 on World Environment Day to create massive awareness to Students, Self Help Groups (SHGs) & Public.

- Government of Tamil Nadu have announced Manjappai awards to reward 3 best schools, 3 best colleges and 3 best commercial establishments on their efforts to avoid single use plastics within their premises and to create awareness regarding the need for transitioning to alternative materials to plastic.

- The Koyembedu Market Management Committee along with TNPCB has initiated studies to make Koyembedu wholesale market as carbon neutral. Based on the study the Government, shall plan for implementation of this at an estimate of Rs. 25 crore.

- TNPCB presents Green Champion Awards to Organization/Education Institutions/ Schools/Colleges/ Residential Welfare

Associations/Individual/s/Local body/ Industries that have made exemplary contribution towards Environment Conservation and protection. 100 individuals/organizations would be selected every year for the Award. Each Award carries prize money of Rs.One lakh.

- Tamil Nadu State Pollution Control Board proposes to launch a system for green rating for the industries.

- A State-level coastal clean-up and awareness events at Neelankarai beach on the occasion of International Coastal Clean-up Day was inaugurated.

Ex-Servicemen Welfare

- For the Welfare of Ex-Servicemen and their dependents in Tirunelveli District, new Ex-Service Centre cum District Ex-Servicemen's Welfare Office has been constructed in Tirunelveli, at Palayamkottai, at a cost of Rs.70.75 lakh and was inaugurated.

- For the Welfare of Ex-Servicemen and their dependents in Madurai District, new Ex-Service Centre cum District Ex-Servicemen's Welfare Office has been constructed near Madurai Railway junction at a cost of Rs.86.35 lakh and was inaugurated.

- For the Welfare of Ex-Servicemen and their dependents in Tiruvannamalai District, new Jawans Bhavan was constructed on the road from Tiruvannamalai to Vellore at a cost of Rs.3.03 crore and was inaugurated.

- An Ex-gratia of Rs.20 Lakh each was paid to the next of kin of sixteen soldiers killed in war and war-like operations during the period from 07.05.2021 to 31.03.2023. A total of Rs.3.20 crore was paid from Kargil Relief fund.

- No.15139118Y Hav K.Palani was killed on 16.06.2020 at Indo-China border at Ladak. The Government of India bestowed the Gallantry Award of VIR CHAKRA (Posthumously) to the Soldier. For receiving this award, a monetary grant of Rs.10 lakh was paid to the next of kin of the deceased Solider by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

- 540 Ex-Servicemen in Group-'C' posts and 386 Ex-Servicemen in Group-'D' posts were given employment in Government of Tamil Nadu Departments.

- 85 dependents of Soldiers who were killed / disabled in war/ war like operations / internal security operations / died in harness were given appointments on Compassionate Grounds in Government of Tamil Nadu Departments.

- Various Welfare Assistances schemes such as Monthly Grant, Medical Grants and Educational Scholarship, etc., to Ex-servicemen and their dependents amounting to Rs.76.94 crore, has been spent from the welfare funds. Through this, 30,010 Ex-servicemen and their dependents have benefited.

- On granting of Annual Maintenance Grant of Rs. 25,000 to the next of kin of Defence personnel killed and disabled in war / war like operations, Rs.2.40 crore was spent from the Amalgamated Fund and then reimbursed from the Government Fund. Through this scheme, 946 beneficiaries were benefitted.

- Orders have been issued that the ex-gratia will be doubled for the dependants

of personnel who had died in war and those disabled in war, and the Cash grant awarded to the recipients of Gallantry awardee/ Distinguished Service Medals will be enhanced to four times the existing rate.

Tamil Nadu Ex-Servicemen's Corporation Limited (Texco)

- Those ex-servicemen who have registered in the TEXCO for employment, have been appointed on contract basis in various Union and State Government Departments, Public Sector undertakings and Boards, as security officers, drivers, junior assistants, nurses, firefighters, armed guards and body guards, etc., 8,226 ex-servicemen have been appointed.

- 5,685 Ex-Servicemen were deployed as Security Guards, Head Security Guards, Assistant Security Officers, Drivers and Junior Assistant on contract basis in the State and Union Government Departments, Public Sector Undertakings and Boards.

- 387 new Clients were identified and 690 Security Guards, 27 Head Security Guards, 69 Assistant Security Officers, 270 Drivers, 61 Junior Assistants and 43 Ex-Servicemen were deployed in various posts, and thereby totally 1,160 Ex-Servicemen were deployed to the new Clients.

- A sum of Rs.502.83 crore is collected against the Current Demand of Rs.562.41 crore and Rs.80.52 crore is collected against the Arrear Demand of Rs.99.22 crore, totally Rs.583.35 crore has been collected.

- As a welfare measure, Rs.27.49 lakh have been paid as premium under Group Personal Accident Insurance Scheme in favour of 16,651 Ex-Servicemen who are working in various projects through TEXCO to cover maximum risk up to Rs.3 lakh. 10 beneficiaries were benefitted to the tune of Rs. 30lakh.

- In the Financial Year 2021-2022, a sum of Rs.103.68 lakh and in the Financial Year 2022-2023 a sum of Rs. 107.52 lakh, totally Rs. 211.20 lakh has been paid as the contributions of Tamil Nadu Ex-Services Personnel Benevolent Fund.

- Rs.63.52 lakh has been contributed as Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Fund to the Commissioner, Commissionerate of Rehabilitation and Welfare of Non-Resident Tamils, Chennai, to provide safe drinking water and Toilet facilities for Srilankan Tamils living in various locations in Tamil Nadu for the Financial Year 2021-2022 and a sum of Rs.43 lakh has been contributed to 'Namma School Foundation' to improve the infrastructure of the State Government run Schools for the Financial Year 2022-2023.

- TEXCO Welfare Fund Scheme has been implemented to all contract employees of TEXCO at a monthly subscription of Rs.250 per month per person. Rs.8.33 crore has been paid as contribution in REPCO Bank.

- Rs.3.20 lakh has been paid for 64 families as Funeral Grant at a rate of Rs.5,000 each.

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Labour Welfare, Population, Employment and Training, Census, Urban and Rural Employment

Hon'ble Minister for Labour Welfare and Skill Development

Thiru. C.V. Ganesan

Commissionerate Of Labour

- Strikes were amicably resolved in 5 industries through the conciliation talks.
- 4,899 industrial disputes were disposed, out of which 1,821disputes were disposed amicably.
- 348 child / adolescent labour were rescued and handed over to their parents through the Child Welfare Committees.
- On issue of release certificate to 399 rescued bonded labourers a sum of Rs.97.10 lakh has been paid as immediate assistance.

- The Tamil Nadu Shops and Establishments Act, 1947 has been amended vide Amendment Act 2021 to provide seating facility for all the employees in the establishment premises.
- Minimum wages have been newly fixed for 19 scheduled employments and have been revised for 29 scheduled employments.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu released Books on "Abolition of Bonded Labour System - Initiatives of Government of Tamil Nadu" and "Child Labour Elimination - Initiatives of Government of Tamil Nadu'' brought out by the Labour Welfare and Skill Development Department on 23.02.2023
- Ration kits containing 15 kg Rice, 1 kg Dhal and 1 kg of cooking oil worth Rs. 6.53 crore were distributed to 1,26,867 other State workers who had lost their jobs during the Covid - 19 second wave lockdown period.
- A total number of 2,614 workers were benefitted by the Tamil Nadu Labour Welfare Board scheme assistances amounting Rs.1.28 crore.
- 12,92,286 Unorganised workers have been newly registered in the 18 Unorganised Workers Welfare Boards.
- A total number of 9,55,701 registered workers of the 18 unorganised workers Welfare Board were benefitted by various scheme assistances worth Rs.563.95 crore.

- Government have announced for the introduction of Housing Scheme for the welfare of the registered construction workers in Tamil Nadu Construction Workers Welfare Board.

Directorate of Industrial Safety And Health

- 3,819 factories have been newly registered
- 1,984 construction establishments have been newly registered under the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Services) Act.

Department of Employment And Training

- District Employment and Career Guidance Centres provide free Coaching Classes to the aspirants of various competitive examinations through the study circles functioning in the Centre. 2,824 candidates who had studied in these Study Circles have successfully cleared the exams.
- Under the Unemployment Assistance Scheme, financial assistance worth Rs.51.29 crore for 1,21,122 beneficiaries. For 27,311 Differently–abled beneficiaries, Rs.26.56 crore was given as financial assistance.
- Through the private sector job fairs conducted in the District Employment and Career Guidance Centres. 1,41,595 persons have been placed in job.
- In order to impart skill training in places where there are no ITIs in the State, 11 new Government ITIs have been established at a cost of Rs.97.55 crore and 1,104 seats have been created for the students to undergo skill training.
- Free Coaching Classes for various Competitive Examinations are telecast through KALVI TV channel.
- New Government Industrial Training Institute (ITI) in Neyveli with the support of M/s. Neyveli Lignite Corporation India Limited (NLC) was inaugurated on 01.12.2021 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. Students are admitted in the four trades and training is being imparted.
- Three hostel buildings at Government ITI Sivagangai, Karaikudi and Tiruchirappalli at a cost of Rs.9.60 crore and are in use.
- In 2022, 76.12% of students in Government ITIs have been placed through campus interviews.
- District Skill Training Offices have been formed Tenkasi, Chengalpattu, Tiruvarur and Ranipet Districts.
- Installation of new machine and equipment at 57 Government ITIs at a cost of Rs.20 crore.
- Industry 4.0 standard trades are to be introduced with an additional seating capacity of 5,140 seats in 71 Government ITIs in Tamil Nadu to keep pace with the changing technologies in collaboration with M/s. Tata Technologies at a cost of Rs.2,877.43 crore.

Directorate of Medical And Rural Health Services

- Ten ESI Dispensaries were newly opened and started functioning in the year 2021 & 2022 at Bhavani, Budalur, Pattukkottai, Duraisamipuram, Paramakudi, Bargur, Manachanallur, Perambalur, Yercaud and Aravakurichi for the welfare of Insured Persons and their family members.
- New ESI Dispensaries at Oddanchathram in Dindigul District and Athipattu and Uthukottai in Tiruvallur District have started functioning from 01.12.2022 and 01.02.2023 respectively.

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Conversation with the Differently-abled persons after providing Government welfare assistance - 21.05.2022.

Opened and visited Purple Store and Exhibition for Modern Assistive Equipment - 03.12.2022

Information Technology & Digital Services

Hon'ble Minister for Information Technology & Digital Services

Thiru. T. Mano Thangaraj

- ELCOT has played a pioneer role in the creation of 8 IT Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in Chennai and in Tier-II Cities of the State viz., Coimbatore, Madurai (2 sites), Tiruchirappalli, Salem, Tirunelveli and Hosur at an investment of Rs.844.57crore.
- Construction of IT Tower in Coimbatore at a cost of Rs.114.16 crore and in Tiruchirappalli at a cost of Rs.48.10 crore.
- To promote Tamil Nadu as a preferred destination of choice for IT and ITeS investments, the ELCOT had participated in the following events:-

- The Rise Emerge London Summit held on 05th May 2022 to 07th May 2022 at UK.
- NASSCOM 'The NEXT' Summit was held on June7, 2022 at Chennai.
- GITEX GLOBAL 2022 event held at Dubai, United Arab Emirates at the Dubai World Trade Centre from 10th October 2022 to 14th October 2022,
- Bangalore Tech Summit 2022 held on 16th to 18th November 2022 at the Bangalore Palace, Bangalore, Karnataka.
- SLUSH 2022 held on 17th to 18th November 2022 at Helsinki, Finland, and
- TN Web3 – Build Ahead event held on 25th November 2022 at Chennai.

❖ "UMAGINE" 2023 the first edition of global technology & innovation summit held in Chennai Trade Centre during 23rd to 25th March, 2023 in partnership with CII.

❖ Upgradation of Internet Bandwidth for TNSDC from 1Gbps to 4Gbps and 10Gbps for internal core IT infrastructure network.

❖ TNSWAN Bandwidth has been upgraded is completed at 30 DHQs to 16 Mbps at 30 DHQs and to 8 Mbps at 112 Tier II PoPs.

❖ Enhancement of Storage Area Network (SAN) to 500 TB usable capacity.

❖ Installation of new applications for the Government Departments has been increased from 230 to 306 numbers.

❖ Around 240 Critical assets of Departments of Government of Tamil Nadu have been uploaded on CSA-TN SOC tools.

❖ Around 40 Training on Cyber Security Awareness sessions have been conducted for State Government Officials.

❖ ELCOT has been constantly engaged in successful implementation of e-Governance projects for various Government Departments to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of their functioning.

❖ 5 new Permanent Enrolment Centres (PECs) are established at Kundathur, Tiruninravur, Ponneri, Uthukottai and Arani. 20,54,187 beneficiaries have utilized the PECs.

❖ ELCOT is selected as an Enrolment Agency by School Education Department under Samagra Shiksha to establish Aadhaar Enrolment Centre in 505 centres at all 385 Educational Blocks for providing Aadhaar related services to school students. As on date, 120 Aadhaar Service Centres have been established and by 4,89,485 beneficiaries have utilised it.

❖ In the NeSDA assessment carried out during 2021, Tamil Nadu won the second place.

❖ Chief Minister Dashboard was launched and currently have 110 live Dashboard of 25 Departments. Leading dailies (English & Tamil) have appreciated Chief Minister Dashboard project.

❖ Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency (TNeGA) provides citizen centric services to public through 9,455 e-Sevai centres. 9,720 e-sevai IDs have been given by TNeGA. 234 IDs have been given to set up e-sevai centers at the offices of the members of Legislative Assembly.

❖ 1,348 new desk computers and 60 hi-tech scanner machines have been provided to improve the IT infrastructure of the Secretariat.

- Bandwidth of Secretariat internet service has been increased to 2 Gbps. "E-Office" has been implemented in total 38 Departments at the Secretariat.

- TNeGA is carrying out the Security audit of the Government Websites/ Mobile Applications engaging the CERT-IN empaneled vendors at a cost of Rs. 1.76 crore. Out of the 92 requests received, 72 audit has been completed and another 20 is in progress.

- e-Mail ids with the '@tn.gov.in' domain are being offered free of cost to all officials in various designations working in various Government units for the official communication and Department specific email ids for key Government units. Around 65,516 mail ids have been created during the year 2022-2023.

- BharatNet project envisages to provide 1 Gbps connectivity to all 12,525 Gram Panchayats in the State by laying OFC from Blocks to Gram Panchayats. The project is divided into four packages namely A, B, C & D comprising group of Districts. 1,209 Gram Panchayats have been connected through OFC.

- Under Special Assistance scheme to States for Capital Investment for 2022-2023, BharatNet Last Mile Connectivity Project is being implemented at an estimated cost of Rs.184 crore.

- Tamil Virtual Academy provides Online Tamil education to the Tamil Diaspora and Tamil language enthusiasts through its contact centres. 27 new contact centers have been started in Italy, Mozambique, USA, Oman, Myanmar and India. Work is under process to set up contact centers in Japan, Maldives, Netherlands, Nigeria, Thailand, Scotland, Dubai, South Korea.

- Online Tamil education is revised into 5 stages (skills based) and the lesson writing works are under progress.

- A book on Tamil Grammar called "தமிழைப் பிழை இன்றி எழுதுவோம்" has been developed.

- A new syllabus has been developed for Postgraduate Degree in Tamilology.
- e-Governance GOLD AWARD 2022 for the Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Higher Education Assurance Scheme.
- Released a book titled " Computer Tamil growth and challenges" were released on behalf of Tamil Virtual Academy for the benefit of the students of the universities, colleges and researchers.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu released the Tamil textbooks and audio books for level one and launched the Tamil Parappurai Kazhagam.
- A drawing competition titled 'Kuraloviyam' was conducted for school and college students in Tamil Nadu with the theme of Thirukkural. 365 of the best paintings have been selected and it has been printed as a daily calendar book and published for public use.
- Thirukkural Kuraloviyam Exhibition was held in Chennai and Madurai.
- Tamil Virtual Academy has developed a digital library www.tamildigitallibrary.in, containing rare documents, books and periodicals.
- e-Governance SILVER AWARD 2022 for the e-Munnetram application
- Works regarding the enhancement of the digital library as an Inclusive Tamil Digital Library at the cost of Rs. one crore for the visually challenged users to access digital resources and to digitize rare audio-video, photographs and other historical documents at a cost of Rs. One crore are in progress.
- In connection with the 150th Birth anniversary Celebration of 'Kappalottiya Thamizhan' V.O.Chidambaranar his books & manuscripts are to be digitized. 127 books, manuscripts, photographs, documents and multimedia contents have been digitalized. A separate web page has been created for 150th Birth anniversary of V.O.Chidambaranar (https://www.tamildigitallibrary.in/voc).
- The Tamil Virtual Academy has developed an informative website (www.tagavalaatruppadai.in) covering archaeology and history related pre-history, excavations, inscriptions, sculptures, temples, coins, copper plates, historical monuments and paintings. So far, 3,363 archaeological and historical sites and 31,158 photographs have been uploaded.
- Works are in progress to create a Virtual Reality Museum related to history and culture of Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs.7.5 crore.
- Tamil Virtual Academy has developed numerous Tamil Computing software and is making it available for public usages. "Keezhadi Keyboard" and "Tamizhi Unicode Convertor" have been developed and released.
- Kani tamil peravai has started in 10 colleges.

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Forests

Hon'ble Minister for Forests

Dr. M. Mathiventhan

Forest Department

- Government has enhanced compensation for human death and permanent incapacitation from Rs.4 lakh to Rs.5 lakh.
- Government has issued orders for Establishment of Marine Elite Force with two units in Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve including Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park and Palk Bay area. It is the first Marine Elite Force in the country.
- In 541 tribal hamlets of 17 Districts, 516 no. of drinking water facilities, 1,009 no.of street lights and 424 no. of solar lights have been provided at a cost of Rs. 57.94 crore in order to ensure assured drinking

water and electricity facilities to improve the living condition of tribals.

❖ The Ramsar Secretariat has designated 13 new Ramsar sites in the State of Tamil Nadu which has made the State with the highest number of Ramsar Sites in India i.e. 14 Ramsar sites.

❖ Government has issued orders for creation of "Maragadha Poongholai" in 100 Villages.

❖ Restoration of Degraded Forest Landscape of Tamil Nadu Phase–I project with financial assistance from NABARD at a cost of Rs.481.148 crore, for implementation of the scheme from 2021-2022 to 2025-2026.

❖ Government has issued orders for remodeling of the Guindy National Park as Children's Nature Park at a cost of Rs.20 crore.

❖ An extent of 1,19,748.26 ha. in KMTR, MTR and Kanniyakumari WLS was notified as Agasthyamalai Elephant Reserve.

❖ An extent of 125.86.5 ha. in Uthukuli and and Tiruppur North Taluks of Tiruppur District situated in Nanjarayan Tank was notified as "Nanjarayan Bird Sanctuary.

❖ Government has issued orders notifying "Dugong Conservation Reserve" in the Gulf of Mannar and Palk Bay area. It is the first Dugong Conservation Reserve in India.

❖ An extent of 11,806.56 ha. in Karur and Dindigul Districts was declared as "Kadavur Slender loris Sanctuary". It is the first sanctuary for Slender Loris in the Country.

❖ An extent of 686.406 Sq.km. RF areas in Krishnagiri and Dharmapuri Districts was declared as "Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary".

❖ The Longwood Shola in Kotagiri, The Nilgiri has been granted Queen's Commonwealth Canopy (QCC) accreditation, a forest conservation initiative that began in 2015.

❖ Arignar Anna Zoological Park was declared as Number one Zoo in Management Effectiveness Evaluation of Central Zoo Authority by securing 82 % under large zoo category among the 147 large zoos present in the country.

❖ "Tamil Nadu Forest and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau" setup for detecting and prevention of forest and wildlife crimes with four Zonal offices at Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai and Ramanathapuram with Chennai as Head quarters.

❖ The Government accorded Administrative and Financial sanction to carry out the works approved under the Annual Plan of Operation for the year 2022-2023 to the tune of Rs. 38.22 crore under the scheme of CAMPA.

❖ The Government of Tamil Nadu has launched the Green Tamil Nadu Mission Scheme to initiate massive tree plantation programme in the State and to increase the forest and tree cover to 33% of Geographical area.

❖ An area of 193.215 hectares in Arittapatti and Meenakshipuram Village in Madurai District were notified as the first Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS) of Tamil Nadu.

❖ In order to conserve the State Animal, Government of Tamil Nadu launched The Nilgiri Tahr Project at a cost of Rs.25.13 crore.

❖ Government has issued orders for setting up of Turtle Conservation and Rehabilitation Centre at Guindy National Park, Chennai at a cost of Rs.6.30 crore.

❖ Government has issued administrative sanction for a sum of Rs.300 crore for setting up a Botanical Garden at Kadambur Village, Chengalpattu District in an area of 137.65 hectare and released an amount

of Rs.One crore towards preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) as Phase I of the project.

- ❖ Government has issued orders for implementation of Modernization of Forest Force for the year 2022-2025 at a cost of Rs.52.83 crore.
- ❖ Government has issued orders for compensation for an amount of Rs.25 lakh as ex-gratia payment to the kin of the Forest Department employees (Anti-poaching watchers/Forest Watcher/Forest Guards /Foresters/ Forest Range Officers who deceased while controlling forest fire under Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund (CMPRF).
- ❖ The Nilgiri Tahr printed stamp has been released by the Postal Department.
- ❖ Malasar tribesmen of Anaimalai hills got the first 'Gaj Gaurav Award' from the Project Elephant Division, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India.
- ❖ MTR Frontline Staffs received rewards for rescue & live capturing of MDT23 Tiger in Global Tiger Day 2022.
- ❖ Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve received the International TX2 award for doubling the tiger population.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu is the first State released Elephant Death Audit Report Frame (EDAEF) work on the eve of Wildlife Week Celebration 2022.
- ❖ Government has issued orders for implementation of Tamil Nadu Bio-diversity Conservation and Greening Project for Climate Change Response (TBGPCCR) at a cost of Rs.920.52 crore from 2022-2023 to 2029-2030.
- ❖ Government has issued orders for constitution of State Forest Commission to recommend policy changes needed in Forest Conservation, expansion of green cover, participation of Tribals in Forest Management, prevention of man animal conflict etc., in the Forest Department.

- Government has issued orders for establishment of Bio-diversity Museum and Conservation Centre with Eco Park at Kakachi, Ambasamudram Range, Singampatti RF of Kalakkadu Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve at a cost of Rs.7 crore.

- Government has issued administrative orders for establishment of 100 Village Green Parks called Maragadha Poonjolai at a cost Rs. 25 crore in 100 villages across Tamil Nadu and released an amount of Rs.19.77 crore for establishment of 83 Village Parks.

- “The Elephant Whisperers”, a documentary film based on the rearing of orphaned Elephant calves at Theppakkadu Elephant Camp won Oscar award under Documentary short film category. Through this documentary, work of Tamil Nadu Forest Department’s initiatives for conservation and captive management of elephants got global attention.

- The Hon’ble Chief Minister had felicitated Thiru. Bomman and Tmt. Belli featured in Oscar Winning film “The Elephant Whisperers” by presenting them a shield of appreciation and a cheque of Rs. One lakh each. The Hon’ble Chief Minister announced a grant of Rs. One lakh each to all 91 Mahouts and Cavadis from the Chief Minister’s Public Relief Fund.

- The Government had announced that Eco-friendly and culturally compatible houses will be constructed for all 91 elephant care takers of Anaimalai Tiger Reserve and Mudumalai Tiger Reserve.

- The Government had also announced that Kozhikamuthi Elephant Camp at Anaimalai Tiger Reserve will be rejuvenated at cost of Rs.5 crore and a new elephant camp at Sadivayal in Coimbatore District with all necessary facilities for maintenance of elephants will be setup at a cost of Rs.8 crore.

- The Hon’ble Chief Minister has honoured Ms. Kartiki Gonsalves, Academy Award (Oscars) winner for the best documentary short film “The Elephant Whisperers” by granting her High incentive of Rs.One crore as a special case in recognition of her achievement.

Tamil Nadu Tea Plantation Corporation Limited

- The Government has allocated Rs.29.38 crore to the Corporation in September 2022 to settle the long pending gratuity, terminal leave salary etc., to the workers.

- The Government have released Rs.13.46 crore as beneficiary contribution for housing to 573 families who have worked and retired from TANTEA, for the immediate allotment of houses under construction and nearing completion through the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board.

Tamil Nadu Forest Plantation Corporation Limited

- TAFCORN has earned about Rs.47.82 crore profit. It was noted that this was the highest profit ever made by the corporation.

- For the first time ten cashew units were allotted to the Irular tribal community at a fair price of Rs.80.55 lakh by TAFCORN. Order for collection of cashew nuts in 10 cashew units was issued on 04.01.2023 by the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to Guagam Irular tribal community. This has paved the way for improving the livelihood of the tribal people.

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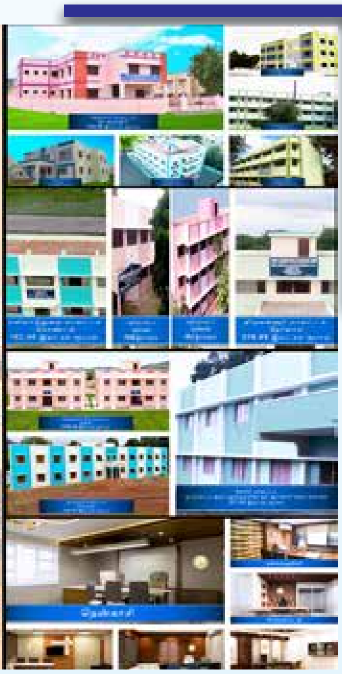
Adi Dravidar Welfare, Hill Tribes and Bonded Labour Welfare

Hon'ble Minister for
Adi Dravidar Welfare

Tmt.N.Kayalvizhi Selvaraj

Social Development

- In order to protect the legal rights of Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes at the State level and to address their important issues, the Government have created the new body viz., "Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Commission" with autonomous powers.
- The amount of compensation paid to the victims of harassment which ranged between Rs.85,000 and Rs.8.25 lakh has been increased to a minimum of Rs.One lakh and a maximum of Rs.12 lakh.
- Orders have been issued for grouping of seven communities, namely, Kudumban, Pallan, Devendirakulathan,



Kadaiyan, Pannadi, Kalaadi and Vathiriyan under the name "Devendirakula Velalar".

- Samabandhi Bhojanam has been renamed as "Samabandhi Virundhu".
- Orders have been issued for sanctioning award of Rs.10 lakh each to model villages where caste free burial grounds are in use, for improving the infrastructure.
- The award given to the writers selected through Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Literature Society has been enhanced from Rs.50,000 to Rs.One lakh. 21 such writers were given cash award and certificates.
- Awareness camps on "we will see equality" are to be conducted for police and revenue officials, to approach victims of harassment, from a social perspective and provide proper relief and guarantee for a prosperous future.
- Orders have been issued to fill up the vacancies through Special recruitment drives.
- Ethnographic Research is being conducted in respect of 6 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups and for audio and video documentation of their culture at a total cost of Rs.50 lakh.
- The assistance given to the members of Tamil Nadu Scanvengers Welfare board, Tamil Nadu Puthirai vannar Welfare board and Tamil Nadu Tribal Welfare board have been enhanced on par with the other welfare boards.

Educational Development

- To help the students to pass the qualifying examinations for admission into educational institutions abroad, such as TOEFL / IELTS / GRE / GMAT, 125 students for each of these exams, which sums upto 500 students in total, will be given training. Also, scholarship will be awarded to the students who clear the exam for them to pursue their higher education abroad at the institutions chosen by them. The parental income ceiling has also been increased from Rs.3 lakh to Rs. 8 lakh.
- The scheme for incentive to full time Ph.D., students has been restructured by enhancing the amount of incentive provided from Rs.50,000 to Rs.One lakh per annum.
- Rs.441.58 crore has been released as the State's share (40%) towards disbursement of Post matric Scholarship scheme for the benefit of 6,94,689 students.
- The maintenance allowance provided to the students under State Government Special Post Matric scholarship has been enhanced on par with the allowance provided by the Union Government.

Orders have been issued for undertaking the following construction works during the financial years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023

2021-2022

- Construction of 480 new classrooms and 15 science laboratories in 150 Adi Dravidar Welfare schools at a cost of Rs.100 crore.
- Construction of 65 classrooms and compound walls in 39 Government tribal Residential Schools at a cost of Rs.21.09 crore.
- Construction of New buildings to Government PG girls hostel, Vellore, Government College boys hostel Dindivanam, Viluppuram District and Government College boys hostel, Maravaneri, Salem District at a total cost of Rs.10.75 crore.

- Construction of compound walls to 13 Adi Dravidar Schools at a cost of Rs.4 crore.
- Construction of toilets to 31 Government Tribal Residential Schools at a cost of Rs.4.50 crore.
- Construction of 19 hostels in Madurai, Nagappattinam, Sivagangai, Tiruchirappalli, Dharmapuri, Karur, The Nilgiris, Krishnagiri, Ramanathapuram and Thanjavur Districts at a cost of Rs.20 crore.

2022-2023

- Construction of new buildings for 10 Adi dravidar Welfare school hostels at a cost of Rs.45.45 crore.
- Construction of new buildings for 5 Adi Dravidar Welfare school hostels at a cost of Rs.28.35 crore.
- Construction of compound walls to 83 Adi Dravidar Welfare Girls hostels at a cost of Rs.10.58 crore.
- Construction of Kitchens with store room to 88 Government Tribal Residential Schools in 7 Districts at a cost of Rs.9.24 crore.
- Construction of toilets and bathrooms to Adi Dravidar Welfare schools and hostels at a cost of Rs.5.70 crore.
- Construction of a six storeyed hostel building in 75,000 square feet with modern amenities in MC Raja hostel complex at a cost of Rs.40 crore.
- Special meal charges given to the Adi Dravidar hostels students during the festival days has been doubled.
- The monthly miscellaneous expenditure allowance provided to hostel students has been doubled.
- Sanction has been accorded for opening 3 new college girls hostels in Virudhachalam in Cuddalore District, Kallakurichi in Kallakurichi District and Nagapatinam in Nagapatinam District at a cost of Rs.2 crore.
- Mixer grinders have been provided to 512 Adi Dravidar welfare hostels at a cost of Rs.46 lakh.

- Inverters have been provided to the computer labs in 51 Adi Dravidar welfare Higher Secondary Schools at a cost of Rs.87 lakh.
- In order to improve the educational standard in Adi dravidar welfare, training on smart skills and Computers for teachers.
- Orders have been issued to set up Smart classrooms and to create adequate infrastructure for Adi Dravidar Welfare Schools and Government Tribal Residential Schools.
- Orders have been issued to upgrade 6 Adi Dravidar and Government Tribal Residential higher secondary schools into Model schools at a cost of Rs.16.26 crore.
- Orders have been issued to provide furniture to 305 Adi Dravidar Welfare Schools at a cost of Rs.7.46 crore.
- Installation of 50 CCTV cameras in 90 Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare college girls hostels at a cost of Rs.50 lakh.
- Orders have been issued to provide Colour Televisions to 20 Adi Dravidar Welfare college hostels and 2 Tribal welfare college at a cost of Rs.15 lakh.
- Orders have been issued to provide laboratory equipment, to the Science Laboratories in 126 Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Higher Secondary Schools at a cost of Rs.3.15 crore.
- Orders have been issued to conduct three health camps per annum in Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare college hostels.
- Orders have been issued for the establishment of new libraries and e-libraries in 50 Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare college hostels at a cost of Rs. 70 lakh.

Economic Development

- Rs.23.28 crore has been accorded towards 90% grant to avail electricity connection under the Fast Track Power Supply scheme to 1,000 Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe farmers during 2021-2022.
- Sanction has been accorded for Grant of Rs.15,000 each to 2,000 Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare farmers for the purchase of PVC pipes for water irrigation at a cost of Rs.3 crore.
- Sanction has been accorded for Grant of Rs.10,000 each to 2,000 Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare farmers for the purchase of Electric Motor for water irrigation at a cost of Rs.2 crore.
- Training in the fields of Horticulture, Agro forestry, Nursery plants and maintenance and repairs of agro machineries is imparted to 7,500 Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare farmers at a cost of Rs.1.70 crore.
- Entrepreneur Management training to 5,000 entrepreneurs belonging to Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes is imparted at a cost of Rs.2 crore.
- Subsidy of Rs.50,000 has been given to 100 trained traditional tribal healers for starting their profession.
- Total Station equipments have been provided to divisional offices of TAHDCO Executive engineers at a cost of Rs.50 lakh.
- The Annual Income Ceiling limit for the Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe Entrepreneur Development Scheme has been enhanced to Rs.3 lakh.
- Orders have been issued to set up a Project Bank at a cost of Rs.One crore for the benefit of Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe entrepreneurs by conducting Techno Economic survey.

- During 2022-2023, 90% grant has been sanctioned under this scheme of Fast Track electric connection to 1,000 Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe farmers at a cost of Rs.23.37 crore during 2022-2023.
- Orders have been issued to impart training to 10,000 Undergraduate and Postgraduate Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe students to face employment / competitive examinations at a cost of Rs.10 crore and production of value added commodities to 2,000 Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe Women Self Help Groups at a cost of Rs.2.50 crore.
- Orders have been issued to impart training to 500 students of Adi Dravidar Welfare college hostels and 100 Adi Dravidar Youth in the fields of Financial Management, Insurance and Banking at a cost of Rs.50 lakh.
- Grant of Rs.10 crore has been sanctioned to 200 landless Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe farm workers to purchase land.
- Grant of Rs.2.25 crore has been sanctioned to 500 Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes for the purchase of milch animals under Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Housing and Development Corporation Limited (TAHDCO) Entrepreneur Development Scheme at a total cost of Rs.7.50 crore.
- Grant of Rs.90 lakh has been sanctioned to 100 Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe Entrepreneurs to become sales agents of Tamil Nadu Cement Corporation and to set up cement sales depots at a cost of Rs.3 crore.
- Grant of Rs.45 lakh has been sanctioned to 50 Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe entrepreneurs to set up Aavin Milk parlour at a cost of Rs.1.50 crore.
- Orders have been issued to set up 40 Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe Women Co-operative Milk producers Co-operative societies at a cost of Rs.40 lakh and to provide seed clusters to raise fodder grass and lawns to 1,000 Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe farmers at a cost of Rs. One crore.

- Orders have been issued sanctioning grant of Rs.98 lakh to set up Sanitary marts through 13 Mahatma Gandhi Workers contract and Skill Development Co-operative societies at a cost of Rs.1.96 crore.

Infrastructure Development

- Orders have been issued for the construction of houses to 443 homeless Irula Scheduled Tribes in Kancheepuram District at a cost of Rs.19.38 crore.
- Infrastructure facilities in Adi Dravidar habitations are improved at a cost of Rs.100 crore, every year.
- Infrastructure facilities such as Street lights, Solar lights and Drinking Water etc., has been done at a cost of Rs.130 crore during 2021-2022 and Rs.135 crore during 2022-2023.
- Orders have been issued to construct 20 community halls in the Adi Dravidar residential area 17 Districts at a cost of Rs.24 crore.
- Orders have been issued to improve basic infrastructure facilities in Scheduled Tribe habitations in 11 Districts at a cost of Rs.17 crore.
- Orders have been issued to construct 1,094 new houses for Vulnerable Tribal Groups (VTG) such as Irular at a cost of Rs.50 crore.
- For 500 homeless sanitary workers who are members of the TN sanitation workers welfare board, a total allocation of Rs.55 crore has been done, to provide each of them with a subsidy of Rs.11 lakh, to purchase houses with beneficiary contribution, constructed by the TN Urban Habitat Development Board. Government Orders have been.

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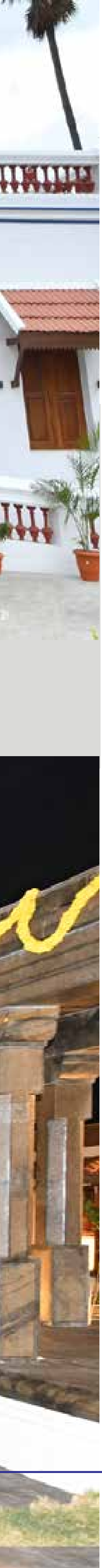
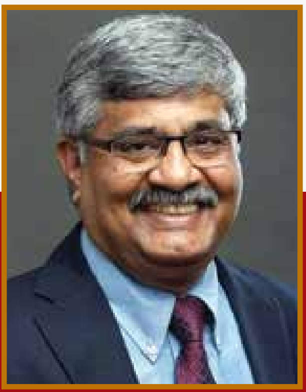


A Government that reflects the pride of Tamils



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Tamil-based style pertains both to conduct in domestic context and public context (internal character and external behaviour). It refers to true consciousness, the virtue of sharing and curing the disease of hunger and the boosting of the intellectual priority of cherishing numerals and letters. Even the Government is led by the wise. The foundation of Social Justice that if a man hailing from a low class is a learned one, he would be treated on par with a man hailing from an upper class, the political clarity of Virtue-based King's rule that never fails in matters of Justice, the value of celebrating the roots of the ancient land, ancient citizen, ancient music, ancient glory, the culture of reacting to various situations, the broad-minded attitude of proclaiming 'Yaadhum oore yaavarum Kelir!' (which means," All places are ours and all men are our Kith and Kin!"), the experience of pleasant mingling and mutual understanding, these are the tri-dimensional foundations of Tamil, Tamils and Tamil Nadu!

Pride is what the Tamils breathe! It is the character of worshipping by writing Name and Pride. That is why Sangam Literature is in our hands. It is not an empty slogan of ploughing over our ancient pride. It makes everyone feel proud of the ancient glory by detailing out real achievements. It is the firmness of strategy of the 'know how' of things in day to day life!

History is inevitable and inescapable. We must construct our past with data, failing which myths will be unleashed upon us. The only way to tackle this is to reconstruct history based on data with a scientific approach.

It was on the 7th April, 2023 that I came across a series of posts about 'Keezhadi App' on my Facebook cover, in the inbox under WhatsApp. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu had launched this app the previous day. The very fact that the augmented reality of the app has drawn the attention every one, particularly the younger generation, is itself a transparent reflection of pride felt in those records.

In the next one or two days the Tamil archaeology enthusiasts shared and enjoyed on the internet the information-based hypothetical paintings drawn by Artificial Intelligence technology about Keezhadi material culture, people, animals, ornaments and the various aspects of life-style. It is because of these things that (our) Tamil culture continues to thrive with full vigour.

I am the amazed to read the messages and enjoy the videos about the world class grand museum established by the Archaeology Department of Tamil Nadu Government at a cost of Rs.18.43 crore at Keezhadi, where artefacts, models, touch screens, mini-theatre, virtual gallery & 3D-Technology are feasting our eyes and kindling our thoughts!

"History is inevitable and inescapable. We must construct our past with data, failing which myths will be unleashed upon us. The only way to tackle this is to reconstruct history based on data with a scientific approach".

Traces and data available from excavations provide insights into various hypotheses about formation of Government, literacy, urban civilization and the state of secularization in Tamil Nadu. Undoubtedly, Keezhadi has contributed to the increase of credibility of Sangam literature!

As far as my knowledge goes, I have not seen anywhere else in India such a miracle of classical literature like Sangam Literature standing at one point and "shaking hands"! Similarly, there is no other equal proof available anywhere to the act of a State Government setting up a world class museum while excavations are taking place and

people in thousands are thronging the place every day and enjoying it like a festival! I understand that the excavation site is to be set up as an open-air site! Kudos to the Government of Tamil Nadu with all my salutations for its wonderful upholding of the ancient glory of Tamil!

I live in Bhubaneshwar, the Capital of Odisha, a state far away from Tamil Nadu yet, I am keenly observing the events of Tamil Nadu on a day-to-day basis. I have duly confirmed the materials I have presented in this article of mine by contacting Thiru. Sivanandam, Director, Archaeology Department of Tamil Nadu Government and Thiru. Sankara Saravanan, the Joint Director of the Tamil Nadu Textbook Corporation.

For the first time in the history of Tamil Nadu, the Department of Archaeology of the Government of Tamil Nadu is excavating at eight locations at a time!

As a result of the excavations recently undertaken, new datum of illumination on the ancient Porunai Riverside Civilization have come to light. A lot of pre-site exploration has been done in the coastal areas to find out KORKAI, the ancient port of Pandiyas' hailed by Sangam Literature as 'Paer Isai Korkai '' (Korkai of grand music). I understand the excavations of Mayiladumparai have revealed the datum on the use of Iron in Tamil Nadu, 4,200 years ago.

Many initiatives such as testing the bones collected in the excavation genetically, analyzing the minute particles collected from the excavated pottery and identifying the food items of those times, identifying animals and birds from the archaeological datum, confirming the use of iron, of iron technology in Sangam age through research, and establishing the existence of maritime trade through evidences are commendable!

The history of the lifestyle of people is really history. People are the owners of history. Therefore, it is the bounden duty of the Government to spread awareness about archaeology and history. Exhibitions on archaeological artefacts of Keezhadi and Porunai civilizations have been held at Chennai, Sivagangai, Tirunelveli, Coimbatore, Erode, Karur and Virudhunagar. I come to learn that there are plans to organise archaeological forums in schools and colleges, display heritage styles to create awareness among the public, conduct various competitions for understanding and heritage among students and celebrate World Heritage Week. We are waiting!

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A Government that lays the foundation for a prosperous Tamil Nadu

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"Mighty in word, of unforgettable mind, of fearless speech,

'Tis hard for hostile power such a man to overreach" *-Kural 647*

As we see the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu who has completed two years of governance, this Thirukkural comes to our mind.

"I am the Chief Minister not only for those who voted for me but also for those who did not vote for me" were the words uttered by him as soon as he came to power. The words were a result of a sense of magnanimous responsibility.

There was dignity in the way he invited the Leader of the Opposition to the meetings on COVID-19 prevention.

His diligent work at the forefront helped stem COVID-19's spread in Tamil Nadu.

The Government 's determination to fulfil its electoral promises, despite the enormous debt, was seen.

As an expression of that determination, there was compassion in the manner in which the various promises that can be fulfilled immediately were implemented, the revenues of the Government were increased without being exhausted by the debt burden, and the promise of "Rs.1000 per month as rightful money" was implemented to benefit the poor and vulnerable women by allocating Rs.12,000 crore per year.

There was the announcement and implementation of welfare schemes that were not announced in the election manifesto ('Naan Mudhalvan' and other such schemes).

More important many times over than the coming election, is the development of the younger generation - the future generation of Tamil Nadu.

Implementation of many women's welfare programs based on the unshakable belief that the 'Growth of Women is the Progress of the Society', cordial relations with the political leaders of India within two years since he took charge, the magnanimity with which he keenly looks into any scheme which has been well-implemented in any state of the country and appreciates the Chief Ministers concerned and the good political rapport which has bloomed because of this....

...His tireless hard work, and when Chennai city was ravaged by floods, the compassion with which he monitored the relief works by himself walking through the flooded areas to ensure that the people got immediate relief assistance....

...The maturity and patience to answer fearlessly and politely the questions raised on political grounds in the Assembly or in the People's Forum, and in a situation where the welfare of Tamils is at stake, the fearlessness shown in the expression of words and the determination of action, regardless of the place of strength...

....Because of such qualities, and because he seeks the inclusive development of Tamil Nadu, in today's socio-political situation, no matter who wages what kind of a battle against him, it is well nigh impossible for anyone to beat him.

In the next fifteen to twenty years, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K.Stalin's breakfast scheme for primary school children will be hailed by economists around the world as the world's best scheme which strengthens the balanced economy.

"No one is poor or a slave in the country, there is no such thing as a contemptible man in India" declared the great poet Bharathiyar and this began to take shape from the day the Justice Party came to power.

For those living below the poverty line, the welfare schemes were based on action plans that could not be changed by anyone or any Government for the past 70, 80 years.

Today, as the second largest State economy in India, Thiru. Stalin's efficient planning and speed of action place him at the forefront of the list of India's best Chief Ministers.

The Tamil race has a rich cultural legacy of over 2,000 years. The Tamils stood at the forefront of trade and commerce in many ways including maritime trade. At a time when the upward trend was restored after some lag and Tamil Nadu is witnessing rapid economic growth again, Thiru Stalin's action plans and implementation of schemes are done based on the idea that the growth must be inclusive. In this manner, the steady growth of Tamil Nadu is firmly on the path described by him as the Dravidian model.

It is obvious that Thiru. Stalin has a great understanding of all the achievements and struggles of the Government machinery because he passed through many stages of administration - as Mayor, Member of the Legislative Assembly, Minister and Deputy Chief Minister. Thus, the efforts he takes to appreciate the speed and efficiency of Government functioning and to remove the flaws in it with no hesitation, are due to all of this.

He dines at the residence of the people belonging to the Narikuravar community with the same culture that he evinces in interacting with the various political leaders of the country. The speed with which action is taken against a bus conductor who ill-treated a poor person sends the message that each and every citizen's self-respect will be protected.

In these two years, Thiru. Stalin has clearly spelt out this one message: "This is a Government for all; this is a Government that creates a strong foundation for the prosperous future of Tamil Nadu; a Government that plans to develop the economy of Tamil Nadu, and a Government that strives to

ensure the participation and simultaneous growth of the poor".

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Stalin's speeches and actions show his kindness, culture, fearlessness, enthusiasm, tirelessness and efficiency.

If all those who are around Thiru. Stalin, such as party members, Government employees and Tamils who are interested in the welfare of Tamil Nadu, join hands with him and work on par with his speed towards dreams and schemes for the state, then the prosperous life lived by the Tamils of the Sangam era will surely flourish again in Tamil Nadu.

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Two years of governance signifies democratic people's revolution

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When there was a change of regime in Tamil Nadu two years ago, everyone felt that the State had gone through decades of turmoil. But to realize the total dimension of this liberation, it is necessary to examine the various components of this regime.

A political movement that is fully aware of the federal ideology in the Indian political system is the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam. The main reason why Tamil Nadu is travelling on the path of victory despite the various plots of the Union Government is the clear political vision of our Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. M.K. Stalin. It is based on Co-operative Federalism. To understand this it is necessary to look at some examples.

For example, the transition of education from the State list to the concurrent list led to various legal issues faced by the student community.In this situation, this Government passed a bill in the Legislative Assembly to release the post of Chancellor, who acts as the protector of higher education, from the Governor, who is an official appointed by the Union Government, to the Chief Minister. The bill is a major step forward in the struggle for States' rights, even if the Governor has yet to give his approval to the bill and bring education back on to the state list.

The letter written recently by our Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. M.K. Stalin to the Chief Ministers of other States is the most important political initiative of Co-operative Federalism. Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin has written to the Chief Ministers of other states to pass a special resolution in the Legislative Assembly urging the Union Government and the Hon'ble President to give appropriate advice to the State Governors to approve the bills to be passed in the Legislative Assembly.

In that letter, Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru M.K. Stalin has highlighted the challenges that democracy is facing today because of the vanishing philosophy of Federalism in India. The duties of Governors and duties and responsibilities of Union and State Government s in the Constitution of India

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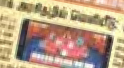

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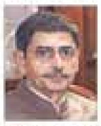

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are not being respected or followed. He has clearly shown that the activities of the State Government s have been affected by this.

He also pointed out that some of the State Governors are keeping the various bills passed by the state legislatures and sent for assent pending for an indefinite period, which has hindered the administrative functions of their respective states.

In his letter, the Hon’ble Chief Minister mentioned that to obtain approval for various draft laws including the bill to ban Online Rummy passed by the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, they were sent to the Governor and despite the efforts taken several times to clarify the queries raised by him, they have not been fruitful and the situation is the same in various States.

The Hon’ble Chief Minister Thiru. Stalin’s letter to the Chief Ministers of other states illustrates his clear vision of politics. To fully understand this, it is necessary to take a close look at another activity he carried out.

In early April, Hon’ble Chief Minister Stalin convened the All India Social Justice Conference. He clearly emphasized why social justice should be the foundation for development. Here are a few highlights from that keynote address:

- Social justice does not belong to a State alone; the whole of India needs it. Social justice forces across India should unite for that.
- Caste-class system may vary in magnitude from State to State. But the problem is the same. That is discrimination! Wherever there is discrimination - untouchability - oppression - injustice, the antidote to it is social justice.
- As the venom of a snake itself is used an antidote for it, for those who were discriminated against, caste itself is used to uplift them. That is the concept based on social justice called reservation!

In his keynote address, he highlighted how Tamil Nadu is an example of self-esteem as a symbol of change in politics, in a way understandable by all.

“Socially and educationally” is defined in Article 340 of the Constitution of India The same word was said in the amendment of the Constitution. In other words, the Indian Constitution defines that social justice should be given to socially and educationally backward people. The state responsible for this amendment was the Chennai province! The leaders responsible for this amendment are Thanthai Periyar and Perarignar Anna!”

Also, the Hon’ble Chief Minister laid out the political agenda for our development with rights. He clearly emphasized that the youth can take the path of development without compromising social justice by protecting their rights and actively doing the following activities.

“We must raise our voice to establish federalism, state autonomy, secularism, equality, brotherhood, equality and social justice for the whole of India. It cannot be just a single voice. It is useless if it is only a separate voice. It must be voiced out together as a combined group of voices.”

From this perspective, the politics that would preserve India’s diversity is very clear. The politics that preserves diversity is modern.

Thiru Stalin’s approach stands as one that does not take away anyone’s rights, that gives no place to autocracy and is the politics that enhances democracy. This approach gives hope to India’s expectations and dreams. This two-year rule in Tamil Nadu is like a declaration of the democratic people’s revolution that will take place in India in 2024.

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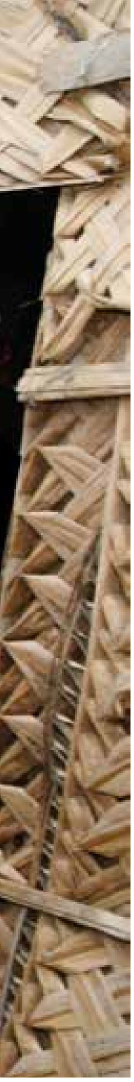

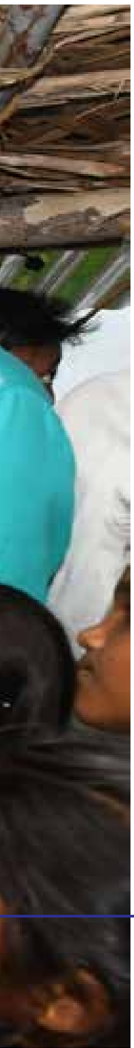

Government at the doorstep

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When said about Social Justice, it is the Dravidian movement which comes to everyone's mind in India and Tamil Nadu. The social, legal and political struggles waged by the Dravidian movement for over a century of social justice and the speed and determination with which it was implemented after assuming power 55 years ago have made Tamil Nadu a leading state of the Indian Union in internationally recognized development indices.

The philosophy of social justice aims to provide justice to people who have been cheated out of a feudal system for thousands of years. The history is that the economically backward poor have benefited from this in India's growth trend.

During the reign of Thiru.Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi, the principle of reservation which was an important part of social justice was further strengthened. In the first 40 years of India's independence, the concept of the public sector, social welfare Government and mixed economy were strong and Muthamizharignar Kalaignar achieved a record by giving new dimensions to social justice such as public education, public medicine, and public distribution programmes with the minimum powers of a state.

Not only is the situation different now that Thiru Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin has taken charge as the Chief Minister, the Union Government is in the grip of a movement whose policy is against the concepts and practices of social justice, social welfare, collectivist culture, language rights and state rights. The challenge of advancing social justice in a dire political, social, economic and cultural environment that India had never seen before, was the moment the Hon'ble Chief Minister took charge.

Not just problems such as empty state treasury, improper distribution of tax revenue to the states and obstruction of development schemes done

by the Union Government , but also the widespread infection caused by the invisible COVID-19 virus. Thiru. M.K. Stalin became the Chief Minister of the state during such a war-like period during which he had to get on to the field to save the lives of the people.

Although the severity of COVID-19 has reduced, the economic impact caused by it has exacerbated the already existing financial condition.

It was during this time that schemes were put in place to provide immediate relief to people affected by unemployment, underemployment, rising prices, persistently falling real wages, and rising education and medical costs. All of them were designed to take the concept of social justice to a higher level. Statistics show that all these schemes are benefiting the economically disadvantaged.

Social justice for women

The Government of Tamil Nadu saw that not only was social justice denied to the backward classes by calling them "Shudras", but also to women who constitute half of the population, and hence announced the Free Bus travel scheme.

Even with access to education and employment, women spend significantly on transport. According to a survey conducted by the planning committee, they can save about 11 per cent of their monthly income due to this scheme implemented by the Government .

Following the introduction of this free travel scheme, women's participation in jobs has increased. Besides, it has also encouraged them to be self-employed. According to the study, this is a boon for many women who are at the bottom of the economic ladder, such as construction workers, agricultural labourers and street vendors. It has also enabled rural women to access the educational opportunities available in cities.

Pudhumai Penn Scheme

According to this initiative which has come under the name of Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Higher Education Assurance Scheme, an incentive of

Rs. 1,000 per month is being given to girls who have studied classes 6 to 12 in Government schools, till they complete their higher education. As a result, the number of women enrolled in higher education has increased from 68,529 to 86,487 in a single academic year. That is, 26 per cent growth! Out of which the proportion of women belonging to Scheduled Communities is 68 per cent and that of Scheduled Tribes is 38 per cent. The news that half of those who dropped out due to poverty are resuming their education gives is good.

Welfare of Children

The principle of social justice in education is one of the achievements of the Dravidian movement. But it is a scientific fact that if school-going children are hungry, their academic performance and social and mental development suffer. Realizing this, Thiru. Stalin's Government introduced a free breakfast scheme for them.

India has the highest number of stunted children in the world. Lack of proper food is the main reason for this. Therefore, since filling the stomachs of the children with any food wouldn't help, the Government decided to provide nutritious food to them.

In the first phase, the scheme was implemented in 1,545 primary schools in 15 Municipal Corporations, 23 Municipal Councils, 11 Mandals and Panchayats and 6 Hill Districts. Statistics show that around 1.14 lakh children have benefited.

Social Justice at the Doorstep

Where a Government legislates, makes and enforces rules to establish social justice is one model. By making the education and medical fields as those for the common people, the backward people in society go to the relevant institutions and benefit from that model. But Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. Stalin's new model of social justice was to seek and provide Government education and medicine to their homes.

Education at the doorstep

All educational institutions were closed for two

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years during the total lockdown to save people from the deadly grip of COVID-19. At that time, online education was the only option. Affluent students who had facilities like internet connection, computers and smart phones learnt through online classes conducted by private institutions.

The huge economic gap between the haves and the have-nots was reflected in the world of the Internet as well. The Department of School Education has taken an innovative initiative to tackle this problem. It is a scheme that organizes groups outside the school system near the homes of poor students and conducts classes every day in Anganwadi centres and welfare centres through volunteers.

The fact that 90 per cent of the beneficiaries belonged to the lower, most backward and tribal sections revealed an entirely new dimension of social justice. The testimony to its success is the request of volunteers, teachers and parents to continue this initiative even after the COVID-19 period!

Medicine at the doorstep

In a period where the number of private hospitals which function for profit has increased drastically, Government hospitals and private health centres are the only viable options for the poor. Tamil Nadu, which is already at the forefront of general medical infrastructure, has introduced an innovative program called the 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam' scheme to expand its services.

Public camps were conducted to find out whether people above 18 years of age have common medical problems like high blood pressure, diabetes, oral cancer, breast cancer, etc. Women volunteers visit homes and give appropriate medicines to the patients who are unable to stand up and walk.

In the first phase, the scheme was implemented in 1,172 sub-medical centres, 189 primary health centres and 50 community clinics. Vehicles are also available to take medicines to health centres and patients who need them.

The Political Arena

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Stalin was well aware of the fact that even if he took such steps to provide immediate relief to the people, it would not be a long-term solution. Although he has achieved by providing social justice at the state level through political power, he has made an important political move because he realized that it is a challenge that the policies and practices of the Union Government, which has got more powers, are against the policy..

He wanted to put forward the proven philosophy of social justice in Tamil Nadu as a counter to the Union Government 's policy of doing unconstitutional activities by talking about Sanathanam and Varnashram.

As a result, in the previous year, he formed an organization called Social Justice Front to unite the opposition parties. It is the conviction of political activists that a political alternative should be a policy-based alternative. The history of Tamil Nadu shows that the Social Justice Front created by Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. Stalin would be a strong base for it.

‘Social justice is the breath of this Government’

Jenram
Senior Journalist

“Thiru Stalin Avargale! The time for change has come, come to Indian politics. Build India as you built this state. The country needs people today who can unite everyone in the opposition.”

The former Chief Minister of Kashmir, Thiru Farooq Abdullah gave such an invitation at the birthday party of the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin held in Chennai on March 1st.

What facts can we learn from these words? Firstly, not many states in India have achieved inclusive development like Tamil Nadu. That is why Farooq Abdullah is inviting the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to come to national politics.

Secondly, another fact we understand is that there are no or very few leaders in Delhi who can work with everyone.

Farooq Abdullah also seems to be pointing out that those who are ruling the country today are not people who can work with everyone.

As an alternative to the culture of imposing a single view of any sort on the country, he could have been actuated by the urgent need of front-ranking state leaders coming together to emphasise federalism.

What can we understand from his invitation to Thiru Stalin to come to national politics, to bring inclusive growth to the nation just as has been achieved in Tamil Nadu?

It’s been two years since the Hon’ble Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin took over as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. In these two years, the Government of Tamil Nadu has completed many

good schemes that will benefit the people. Chief Minister Stalin has not referred to his Government as my Government or DMK Government but as Dravidian model Government.

He proclaims that the principle of social justice, "everything for all," guides him. We should also note the fact that even those who did not vote for him in the recent assembly elections are now actively supporting this Government.

There is nothing contentious in calling this Government a social justice Government or Dravidian model Government. There is nothing wrong in saying that the Chief Minister heads a Government that strives for inclusiveness of all the people in the State. The DMK aims to deliver what the Constitution of India guarantees to the people of India. Chief Minister Stalin is proving the ideal of the Government in words and actions.

Those who call social justice implemented by the Government as injustice are those who are trying to save an unjust social system. Injustice to a large section of society through hierarchical authority is subversion of natural justice.

Social justice means that the Government in a society treats the few unequally to the majority in order to bring everyone on an equal footing. The first constitutional amendment was brought in India because the Supreme Court said that such conduct was unconstitutional.

It is important for those who have already enjoyed additional facilities and opportunities to understand this fact. The Government should know from what point the oppression of the majority and the privilege of the few begin.

That is the duty of the Government in a democratic country. Hon'ble Chief Minister M.K.Stalin's Government is doing that duty.

The formula for a well-functioning democratic society is that the society should have social justice, a fair economic system, and a system where all kinds of justice are available to the common man! No section of society should be denied opportunities.

Even injustice in one corner can become a threat to justice elsewhere! So, no systemic injustice should happen in any corner! Poverty alleviation and development do not mean accumulating money; it means providing justice to all people!

Chief Minister Stalin is running a Government with such principles of social justice. Although he says it is the policy of the state, social justice is his very breath; as a sense of social justice permeates his veins.

Poet Erode Tamilanban had written a poem about Mao Zedong saying, “During the days when your mother bore you, she must have consumed flames rather than ashes”! Similarly, what can be written about our Chief Minister? He must have breathed the air of social justice in his house! He must have heard nothing but social justice, he must have ingested social justice as his nourishment! They say, “If you act on the basis of the feelings that are part of your system, you don’t need a driving force to make you act.” On that basis, it can be understood that all the plans executed by the Chief Minister every day are actions that come to him naturally.

That is why support for Chief Minister Stalin is increasing. Even those who did not support Mr. Stalin in the past support him today. They may not know that the politics advocated by him are superior in scale to the politics practiced by some other Governments. However, they understand that Mr. Stalin is against the growth of social discord and hatred.

The violence that exists in religious politics does not exist in social justice politics. There is no place for hate in social justice politics. Hate is the height of untouchability! Hatred is what keeps society in a narrow circle. Hatred created by caste, religion, caste etc. will never help development.

People should not be fooled and understand those who spell discord but talk about development as their mask.

The alternative to this hatred is social justice and equality. Love for all people is the basic sentiment for these. Humanity is the foundation of this politics. Separatism in Tamil Nadu is due to people who do not know any of these basics. They are spreading lies that the DMK is spreading caste hatred.

It is those who feel that their opportunities in education, employment and management are being lost, who speak against social justice! They spread the lie that the DMK is against a particular caste. But there is not even a shred of truth in that. The truth is that those of that caste are living in a safer and more comfortable manner here than in the state of Uttar Pradesh!

The theory of social justice emphasizes that all people living in a society should be treated equally by the Government. It also aims at equal distribution of the country's resources and opportunities to all. It idealizes that all people should have access to education, medical care, employment, housing facilities and decent living conditions irrespective of caste and creed. Social justice creates human habitats where no area needs to be fenced off or walled off.

We can go on explaining the ideology of social justice. These explanations will help understand the workings of the Government of Tamil Nadu. We can see what social justice programmes have been implemented in these two years after the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam took office. It is another matter that the Government's vision of social justice is the foundation of all the programmes implemented in all sectors!

Women in a family are more submissive than a farmhand working for a landlord, or a labourer

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working for an industrialist, or an office employee subservient to an officer. This is the position of women in most families.

Chief Minister Stalin has implemented many schemes to free women from this tight situation. On the day Stalin took office as the Chief Minister, he signed a scheme to allow women and transgenders to travel in Government buses free of charge.

The Government pays Rs.1,000 per month to girl students who go to colleges for higher education after studying in Government schools from class VI to XII. The door to higher education for girls has been opened through the Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Higher Education Assurance Project.

The Women's Entitlement Scheme, which will provide Rs.1,000 per month to heads of households who do all the work required to take care of the family from the time they wake up to the time they go to sleep, will be operational from September 15.

A common entrance examination based on one syllabus is against social justice in a country where

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NATION ROLLS OUT RED CARPET FOR ITS DRAVIDIAN SON

Former chief ministers of Jammu and Kashmir & UP, who came down to Chennai to celebrate Stalin's 70th birthday, urge the TN CM to come to national arena

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various syllabuses may be in force. On this basis, the bill to exempt Tamil Nadu students from the NEET exam for medical students has been passed by the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly and sent to the Governor for approval. He has sent it to the President!

In the school education sector, many projects are being implemented, including the development of Government schools and the programme to fill the learning gap during the pandemic. The most important among them is the breakfast scheme in Government schools. Our society will feel the benefit of this in the future.

In Tamil Nadu where many people were denied entry into temples, efforts have been started to allow all castes to become priests. Adi Dravidar Commission, Social Justice Commission, Social Justice Monitoring Committee...these are steps which show that Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru.Stalin's Government is looking after society's important needs.

Apart from implementing social justice programmes in Tamil Nadu, Chief Minister Stalin is taking steps to unite political parties at the all-India level for social justice. Reservation of seats for backward classes in all-India quota for medical college admission was obtained through necessary legal measures.

Caste-wise enumeration, reservation in the private sector, continuous opposition to quotas on economic grounds, opposition to cancellation of reservation for Muslims in Karnataka State, made the people of India take notice of him. The list of his achievements is long.

There is the saying that good people share with other people the joy that they have enjoyed. Similarly, the various developmental works of the Dravidian model Government for the people of Tamil Nadu should soon be available to the people of India. Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin, today's Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu which is a model state of India, completes two years of rule. May all his plans fructify.

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The Two Years of Governance: Foundations for the decade to come

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When compared with other States of India, Tamil Nadu stands at a great height with countless investments and unparalleled industrial growth in the past two years. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. M.K. Stalin's contribution is paramount. He has introduced and implemented many excellent programmes such as the 'Pudhumai Penn' scheme with a focus on social change. Now let's analyse the industrial development in Tamil Nadu under the leadership of Chief Minister M.K.Stalin.

A team of world-class experts

The Government of Tamil Nadu under the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin immediately after taking charge, appointed Thiru. Palanivel Thiagarajan, who has rich experience and talent in the financial sector, as the Finance Minister. Next, the Government took steps to form an Economic Advisory Committee with world-class experts like former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan, and Nobel Laureate in Economics Esther Duflo. Also, experienced persons from various fields were appointed to the State Planning Committee headed by Thiru. J. Jayaranjan. Such early actions made it clear that the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin was working only with the development of the State in mind.

A trillion-dollar dream

The state of Tamil Nadu alone has initiated a strong goal which no other state in India has taken up so far. That is the goal to achieve a 'One Trillion Dollar Economy'. With India's GDP at just $3.40 trillion, Tamil Nadu has formulated the lofty goal of turning the current $3.41 billion economy into $1 trillion by 2030. To achieve this goal, economic growth of more than 10 per cent is required every year. For the past two years, the Government of Tamil Nadu under the leadership of M.K.Stalin continues to be successful.

Unemployment is the next big challenge for Tamil Nadu which has seen growth in the fields of education and medicine. A trillion-dollar economy would go a long way in solving this problem. To pursue this dream, various initiatives have been taken up by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu such as Startup TN, Umagine, and Guidance Tamil Nadu. Chief Minister M.K.Stalin is taking many initiatives to foster industrial development in the state. Rather than considering this as a mere policy, it is highly commendable that the Government of Tamil Nadu has been making efforts to keep in mind the benefits the State would attain through this.

Development for all districts

Over the past two years, Tamil Nadu has been the leading state in India's economic and industrial development. The Government of Tamil Nadu, which is implementing various initiatives and projects to attract large investments, employ lakhs of youth, and transform the economy of Tamil Nadu into 1 trillion dollars by 2030, aims to implement this not only in a specific areas like Chennai but in other districts of Tamil Nadu and this is a special feature of this Government.

It has set up industrial parks like SIDCO and SIPCOT to accelerate growth and encourage entrepreneurship in districts like Perambalur, which lack in development and has announced in the budget, projects like Tidel Park, Metro, and Textile parks to develop IT and industrial sectors in the second and third-tier cities like Coimbatore, Madurai, Tiruchi Erode, Salem, Hosur, etc. These are of great help for the other parts of Tamil Nadu to also develop

and contribute towards achieving the goal of a one trillion-dollar economy.

Inclusive development

The role of women is crucial for Tamil Nadu to achieve its goal of becoming a one-trillion dollar economy by 2030. Realizing this, the Government of Tamil Nadu announced a plan to establish a special 'Start-Up Mission' to encourage women's entrepreneurship in the budget 2023-2024. The Government of Tamil Nadu aims to provide substantial support and facilities to women entrepreneurs through this scheme. The scheme will provide a significant boost to the start-up environment in the state. This initiative taken by the Government of Tamil Nadu will not only promote women's entrepreneurship but also help in achieving gender equality.

Even though Tamil Nadu has the highest number of Dalit entrepreneurs in India, the number of Dalit entrepreneurs in the state is very less than that of other classes. Taking this into consideration, the Government of Tamil Nadu headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin has been proposing and implementing many schemes to increase its number. One of the notable ones is the 'Annal Ambedkar Industrial Pioneers Scheme'. Through this, the Government of Tamil Nadu led by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin is making efforts to create an equitable industrial sector in the state.

Visionary thinking

The Government of Tamil Nadu is of the notion that focus should not be limited to only a few specific sectors that are strong in the State but also focus more on the newly emerging industries with a futuristic vision of the opportunities, resources and employment obtained through that. The Government of Tamil Nadu under the leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin is setting an example for other states by focusing more on the fields of electric vehicle production, renewable energy generation, pharmaceutical and chemical production, fintech, and non-leather shoe manufacturing.

An icon of state autonomy

The Government of Tamil Nadu under the leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin is working tirelessly for the future development of the State and to make it an unemployment-free state, several initiatives such as the World Investors Conference, foreign travel, memorandum of understanding with hundreds of companies, multi-billion crore investments, new industrial parks etc., have been taken up.

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The Chief Minister of Progress

Surya Xavier

Investors conference has been held in Chennai, Coimbatore, Thoothukudi and Arab Emirates and more than 200 deals have been signed so far.

Exporters conference in Chennai

Tamil Nadu Fiscal Policy, Tamil Nadu Export Promotion Strategy, Single Window Internet Portal, Tamil Nadu Life Science Development Policy, Tamil Nadu Research and Development Policy, Tamil Nadu Footwear and Leather Products Policy, Tamil Nadu Aerospace Defence Industry Policy, and Policy for Green Hydrogen Electric Vehicles were formulated. Rs.360 crore capital subsidy has been given for micro-enterprises and a separate commission has been created for the textile industry. Tidel Park in Madurai and Mini Tidel Park at seven locations are also in progress.

23,780 new power distribution transformers have been installed to improve the power infrastructure with a special focus on the power sector, which is one of the fundamental sources of industrial growth. Wind power generation, solar power generation and non-conventional energy meet the power requirement and this makes it a pioneer state in India. A separate financial statement for agriculture, increase in

irrigated area ratio, input subsidy of Rs.60 crore for rice cultivation, palm conservation scheme, small grains movement, Jayaraman traditional paddy conservation movement and free electricity scheme for one lakh farmers have also been well implemented.

Another segment of industrial and agricultural work is infrastructure development. Chennai Port - Maduravoyal Flyover Bridge and Rs.1,000 crore for the Kalaignar Urban development scheme have been implemented.

New combined drinking water scheme, Singara Chennai 2.0, five-fold expansion of Chennai metropolitan area, upgradation of Chennai Metropolitan Transport Corporation, suburban development works

What are the basic needs of a human being? Food, clothing, shelter, education, medicine, health, employment and social security. The past two years of Government and the ongoing efforts focusing on these, were appreciated by the other states of India and inevitably even the rulers of the Indian Union appreciate this.

in Madambakkam, Chennai, Sub city in Mamallapuram, Integrated road development projects and construction of urban roads at a stretch of 20,000 km have commenced.

Various works, including new flyovers, bypass roads at a cost of Rs.142 crore, and the All Village Anna Renaissance Scheme at a cost of Rs.1,133 crore, have been accelerated in two years at full speed.

Allowances for 18 lakh Government employees, teachers and pensioners have been increased. Loan waivers for 13.50 lakh families with jewellery loans below 5 sovereigns in co-operative banks, Rs.2,000 crore loan waiver for Women Self Help Groups and Rs.15,000 crore loan for Women Self Help Groups have been done. 42,000 women self-help groups have been established.

Breakfast for students, free electricity connections to 1.50 lakh farmers, Illam Thedi Kalvi Scheme, Naan Mudhalvan scheme, Perasiriyar Anbazhagan school development scheme, Perunthalaivar Kamarajar College Development Scheme and Dream House Scheme for writers have been implemented.

Periyar's birthday is to be celebrated as Social Justice Day, AnnalAmbedkar's Birthday as Equality Day and Vallalar's birthday as Thaniperum Karunai Day.

Kalaignar Urban Development Scheme

Archanai in Tamil in temples, persons from all castes can become priests, book fairs in all districts, recovery of temple lands worth Rs.3,000 crore, 10 new Arts and Science Colleges, the establishment of Police Commission, job fairs, Tamil Parappurai Kazhagam, Emperor Rajaraja Chozhan birth anniversary celebrated as a Government function, new airport at Parandur, Act passed for the abolition of online rummy, Pudhumai Penn Scheme to provide Rs.1,000 per month to one lakh girl students, Act passed for NEET Exemption Act and establishment of Adi Dravidar and Tribal Commission have been done.

The Chief Minister is leading a Government that cares about the welfare of people from all walks of life through the implementation

of schemes such as increasing the Advocate Welfare Fund to Rs.10 lakh, Government paying fees for Government school students who get admission in engineering colleges under the 7.5% reservation of seats, housing for one lakh city dwellers and journalists welfare board.

If they want to destroy a society's language and the culture sustained by that language, they will destroy its libraries. Nalanda Library, Jaffna Library and Iraq Library have such histories. From this, we can understand the importance of libraries. Tamil Nadu is thriving with the renovation of Anna Centenary Library, Kalaignar Library in Madurai, book fairs in all districts, traditional art festivals and literary festivals named after rivers like Cauvery, Vaigai, Porunai and Siruvani.

The first start of the last two-year regime was holistic. That start continues to go forward without a hitch. 2.14 crore families were given financial assistance of Rs.4,000 per family to make up for livelihoods that had been affected by COVID-19. Also, 13 items were given to the people as relief during the COVID-19 period. The price of milk has been reduced by Rs.3 per litre.

180 crore rides have been undertaken by women in Government buses under the free bus travel scheme. "Chief Minister in your constituency" scheme to redress grievances of the people in all constituencies has been implemented.

The Government of Tamil Nadu has covered the expenses of private hospital treatment due to Corona infection through an insurance scheme. The Hon'ble Chief Minister commenced his regime by signing his approval for this scheme, and this is a journey of progress. He is indeed the Chief Minister of progress.

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Government that lives by the dictum of social inclusion

M.Madhivannan

The concept of a welfare State is not alien to the Indian subcontinent. In other words, this is the symbol of the traditional governance of the region. For example, what emerges about Emperor Ashoka's Government is that it was an idealistic type of welfare state. His rock inscription mentions as follows.

"Throughout the empire of King Priyadarsi (Asoka), beloved of God, and in his neighbouring kingdoms such as Chola, Pandya, Satyaputra, Kerala Putra, Tamirabarani, in the kingdom of the Yona king Amdeyos, and the kingdoms of the small kings under him, he has established two types of hospitals, one for humans and one for animals. According to the king's order, where the herbs required for the treatment of humans and animals were not available, they were not only imported but were also grown by sowing seeds. Wells have also been dug by order of the king for the benefit of men and animals."

A fragment of Ashoka's rock inscription at Shahbazgarhi

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It is indeed the pride of this region to have taken measures not just for the people who have the strength to raise their voices and speak up for themselves, but also to benefit the speechless creatures. The maintenance of that virtue is the hallmark of good governance.

It is a practice that we see all over the world that modern Governments, so-called democratic Governments, are forced by pressure groups and organize their activities accordingly.

Good governance is the complete opposite of this practice. Good governance is when the very minorities, the vulnerable and the

The Government headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru.M.K. Stalin, since the day of taking charge, has been functioning with utmost concern towards these groups. As this Government which functions with a greater goal has completed two years, an analysis of the welfare schemes done by the Dravidian model Government for each of these groups will be useful in the long run.

marginalized groups of people are prioritized and their needs are protected.

Vulnerable individuals in Tamil society are those who have a very small population, who are backward in fields such as education, and who have no economic strength! 1) Transgenders, 2) Sri Lankan Tamil refugees, 3) Differently-abled persons, 4) Puthirai Vannan, 5) Irula, 6) Narikuruvar and 7) Kattu Nayakar are such vulnerable groups.

The above said groups do not have a large population. Among them, the Sri Lankan Tamil refugees do not have the right to vote. While it is necessary to gain public support to win the elections, focusing on these groups will not yield immediate results. However, the focus of a welfare Government should most importantly be on this group.

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taking charge, has been functioning with utmost concern towards these groups. As this Government which functions with a greater goal has completed two years, an analysis of the welfare schemes done by the Dravidian model Government for each of these groups will be useful in the long run.

Transgenders

This section needs the immediate attention of society. But these people are chased and hunted by society. They have long been the most discriminated and stigmatized section in Indian society.

Their identity becomes the reason for their open prison life. Most of them have the same story. They are in dire situations where they have to engage in sex work and beggary to pay for their gender affirmation surgery.

This treatment given in the Government hospitals will be of great help to them. In that way, following Chennai, Madurai Rajaji Government Medical College Hospital is also offering this treatment after this Government took charge. The treatment has been started and till the end of last February, 232 people have undergone gender affirmation surgery. The Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Thiru.Ma. Subramanian says that such a large number of surgeries have not happened anywhere else in India.

In addition to this, the Government of Tamil Nadu is also implementing a scheme to provide pensions to the third gender over 40 years of age. The Transgender Welfare Board was set up by Muthamizharignar Kalaignar on 15.04.2008. Various welfare schemes are being provided to them through the scheme.

In a report released by the Ministry of Social Welfare in a public welfare case, Tamil Nadu has 12,116 transgender persons, out of which 9,277 have identity cards, 2,762 ration cards, 1,743 house site pattas and 515 houses. 1,489 people have also been given medical insurance. This news was published in Hindu Tamil Thisai Daily on December 27, 2021.

It can be seen that after this Government took charge, efforts were made to provide ration cards to them through special camps. It is the demand of those people that reservation should be provided in education and employment opportunities, be it even at a smaller amount. I am confident that this Government, which values humanity, will take action in this regard.

Differently-abled Persons

Like Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K.Stalin has kept the welfare of differently-abled person department under his direct control and has been implementing several schemes through this department.

Equipment such as tricycles, wheelchairs, etc., are being supplied through this department. Monthly pensions, maintenance allowance, marriage assistance, free travel in Government buses, educational assistance, etc., are given to differently-abled persons.

The following information can be found in the news report released by Kalaignar News Television on June 6, 2022.

Scooters equipped with link wheels have been provided to 1,228 persons. 2,11,505 people have been given a maintenance allowance of Rs.360.21 crore.

Orders have been issued to allow free travel in Government buses for both the differently - abled person and the person assisting them. A free marriage scheme for differently-abled persons is being implemented in the marriage halls under the control of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department. A news report states that 37,660 persons have been provided equipment at a cost of Rs.70.76 crore.

A special ramp for differently-abled persons was inaugurated recently at the Marina beach by Hon'ble Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin and this stands as a testament to how this Government focuses on the welfare of these people with compassion.

Sri Lankan Tamil refugees

"Sri Lankan Tamils is just an identification term, otherwise Tamils are one people wherever they are," said the Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru.M.K.Stalin at the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly. He not only said these words but went on to announce to the Legislative Assembly under Rule 110 that the refugee camp will be renamed into Rehabilitation camps for Sri Lankan Tamils. This is not merely a name change. It is evident through this that there is a change in the Government's perspective.

The state Government, especially the Government led by Thiru. Stalin graciously provided family cards to these people. Monthly financial assistance is given to the head of the family, children and youth. It also does the construction of houses. It conducts employment camps. All of these schemes show the affection the Chief Minister has for the people of this state. Also, the stepmotherly attitude of the Union Government has not ended in treating them as second-class citizens.

Although they have been living in this land for many decades, they do not have citizenship or voting rights. The life of the Sri Lankan Tamil refugees will prosper only if the Chief Minister's efforts to get them citizenship are successful.

Other vulnerable groups

Population report of 2011 mentions that the population of the Puthirai Vannan community is 28,351. The population may be a little higher than this too. It is a piece of great news that on 18.10.2009 itself, Muthamizharignar Kalaignar established a welfare board for these people!

Similarly, the Narikuravar Welfare Board was brought in 2008 by the then Chief Minister Kalaignar. Apart from that, as the DMK wanted the inclusion of the Narikuravar community into the list of Scheduled Tribes, a private member's bill was brought by the Parliament DMK MP Thiru. Tiruchi Siva and this stands as a testament to the affection for the people.

A video of Ashwini, a woman belonging to the Narikuravar community who was insulted in temple Annadanam, went viral on social media. As soon as this incident, which had taken place in October 2021 was reported, in the same dining organised by the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department, Hon'ble Ministers sat to eat along with that woman. After that, in a few days, Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru.M.K.Stalin personally visited the residents of the Narikuravar community and provided welfare assistance to them. Also, he ate the food provided by them. This incident took place at Poonjeri Village in Thirukazhukundram Taluk, Chengalpattu District on November 3, 2021.

The practice of the Dravidian model of governance demonstrates the fact that democracy means the inclusion of all people. Good governance is that which prioritises the needs of the common man. I can say with confidence that this certainly is a good Government!

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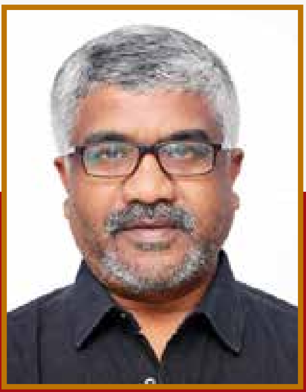

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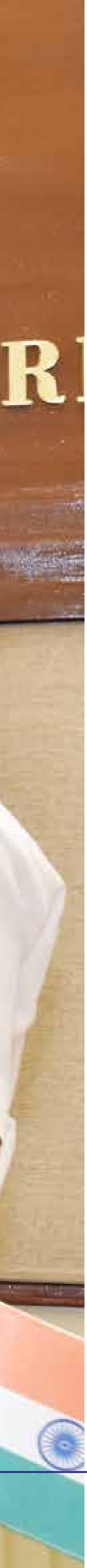

Back in my school days, we had two male trainers and one female trainer for fitness. They had their own designated room too. That room was filled with all types of games equipment, everything shining new!

Following the age-old practice of our school, every student who joins the sixth standard would have to clear some basic fitness tests right at the beginning of the academic year, which includes pull-ups and sit-ups.

The iron rod designed for pull-ups does not favour every student. We would have to depend on Annans from higher classes to help us reach the rod. As soon as we touch the rod, we do the first pull-up. But without the support of the higher-class Annans, we struggle to push our bodies up, eventually jumping down. But the fitness teacher marks it as 'one' against our name in the record.

The same goes for sit-ups, too. The pressure we give upon our feet helps us bring our elbow close to the leg joint and touch it. But once we go back on the floor, it's difficult to repeat the one-time wonder. So the fitness teacher will mark it as 'one' too.

After completing these tests, the fitness teacher would not ask the students about what sports they are into, and what they should really concentrate on to excel in their favourite sport. He never really gets the chance to do so.

This problem persisted because the maths teacher always borrows the period designated for games, the science teacher always wants to run his experiments in this period, the history teacher digs his way into this period, and the English teacher brings Shakespeare along to take over this period. So, the games period never goes according to its name.

On the annual sports day, it is a set of a few students who bag trophies every year out of their efforts, while we always remain clapping our hands, cheering them. With nobody recognizing our interest in games, it's only this disappointment we end up with every year.

That was when our new Headmaster joined our school. He made everyone realise the need for a proper, actual games period where students' fitness and interest in games is tested because he believed the time when students play is when their stamina accelerates and helps them with the ability to study well too. He made the games period mandatory. That was the year when I bagged a prize for Kabaddi during the school's annual sports meet.

I see this Government as the new Headmaster we had!

With self-interest and people's encouragement, the people who were already bagging prizes felt safe under the Government's care towards them and moved stronger towards their victory.

In every Government's cabinet, there is always a sports development ministry. But we cannot be sure

of how effective it operates. But our Government realises how important it is to discover talents deep in our state and bring them up. Our Hon'ble Chief Minister has emphasized the importance of sports and how much the Government concentrates on the sports department. He went on to promise that a well-equipped stadium that costs around three crore rupees would be constructed in every constituency, to promote sports.

Hon'ble Sports Development Minister Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin has added up to complete that work soon and make our state updated with the finest sports stars. With all his words translating directly into action, the belief in these words to translate into action has risen.

Whatever we sow, either we do it for just namesake, or we do it with all our heart into it, we can know it through the result, through what we reap. The International Chess Olympiad our State hosted is an example of how much our Government is invested in working for the sports' welfare.

Perarignar Anna, the high command of the Dravidian Movement, used to call his votaries by the name of Thambi. Taking in that name as the fuel,

helped the youth work with the speed of a horse. Deriving that history, our Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M. K. Stalin named the Chess Olympiad's mascot as Thambi. To honour the speedy work of Government votaries, they designed the mascot as a horse, dressed up in Veshti, carrying our cultural virtue. Considering the importance of the knight in Chess, our Hon'ble Chief Minister believes it would be the best for the mascot.

No work should go without deep thinking and labour invested in it, or else, it just ends up being bland. That is the beauty of any Government! In that way, Chess Olympiad's Thambi stands tall in carrying our heritage in the world forum.

The competition in Chennai was conducted more like a festival that grabbed the attention of all countries.

Our child is always precious to us. But when others appreciate our child, the dopamine we experience is something that stands apart. That is how we felt when foreign chess players appreciated our preparations and how well the programme was conducted.

Above all this, the unexpected appreciation always stands tall. Recently, Kazakhstani Chess player Zhansaya Abdumalik landed in Delhi for the World Chess Competition. While she spoke about her dissatisfaction with the preparations made by the organisers of the Grand Prix, she recalled how warmly she was welcomed by Tamil Nadu and how she has to think about it in such a sad situation. This shows how we do not take anything for granted, and put our heart and soul into the event. Even German Grandmaster Elisabeth Pahtz displayed the same state of mind.

It is said that one understands the value of shade only when the sun shines. And when the truth has to come out, it comes out! This stands as proof of our everlasting love for sports!

When the Hon'ble Minister and Hon'ble Chief Minister address the youth as their 'Udan Pirappu' (sibling) they literally mean it. So when they address the youth as their 'Udan Pirappu', and act as their true brother, it excites the youth!

Volleyball player Sindhu reached out to the Government during the time of her 12th standard exam. Citing the fact that she fell off her terrace, and could not write the exam like others, she requested that she be allowed to write the exam right from her bed.

Right before the exam, the accident caused her around ten surgeries, but she still did not lose interest in her education. Our Hon'ble Chief Minister responded to her request, stating to bear all the expenses of her medical expenditure. Though her legs were broken, her unbroken confidence made our Hon'ble Chief Minister promise her that the Government will stand with her, and heal her to the state where she can play Volleyball again. How assuring it would've been for the other players, seeing this kind of support from the Government?

Not just motivating the players and pushing them towards success, but it is also important for the Government to take care of them and their families through their tough times, and help them when needed. When football player Priya passed away, the Government stood with her family and did everything that Priya herself would have done for her family. The Government supported her family by giving ten lakhs for their immeasurable loss, a Government job for Priya's brother, and a house for her family.

For Priya who had taken up football as her career, our Hon'ble Chief Minister did not want her family to suffer due to her loss, as he knows it would look weak on the whole sports department of the state. That is why when he talks about her loss, he sadly remarks that her loss is a loss for the entire sports department.

Our culture has taught us not only to celebrate our victory but also to participate in sadness. Our Government emphasises it is something not to be wondered about!

They say sports really do not contribute to one's life, and that is what parents say to keep their children away from sports. The children could not prove them wrong as the Government never really stood with them in this.

For a very long time, to attend a competition, right from the travel accommodation and other expenses, the players would have to rely upon sponsors. This added up to the stance of the parents, and the children can never really give the assurance that they would succeed over time.

But that time has changed. To back the children's dreams, the Government comes in as the fairy. To climb the world's highest mountain peak, Everest, the only problem that stood before Muthamizh Selvi was the expenses. While Asia's Trekking Organisation organised her trekking, the expense amount of ten lakh rupees was taken care of by the Hon'ble Sports Development Minister Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin, who encouraged her to climb the mountain.

When even that amount proved insufficient for her to complete her climb, Muthamizh Selvi was given an additional fifteen lakh rupees and asked by him to focus only on the peak and not to think about any other disrupting thoughts.

Given that we have this kind of Government, Chief Minister, and Sports Department Minister, one can easily get to Everest's Peak, right?

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Tamil Nadu will rise as the status of women rises!

Advocate **Mathivadhani,**
Social Activist

Like a ship which gets stuck in the vast ocean not knowing its direction, women had suffered without knowing the direction towards happiness in life, as caste, religion, mythological epics, patriarchy, domineering family structure and social problems oppressed them at all levels. The Dravidian movement gave new light and revived women.

It is easy to save those who cry out that they are oppressed and seek to be freed, by travelling in the direction of their voices. But to attempt to save a society that is unconscious of being under slavery from time immemorial, is beset with dangers. Those attempting to save could themselves fall into the pit! In this endeavour, not only did the Dravidian leaders not fall into the pit, they were successful in saving those who had been happy in the abyss without knowing that they had been enslaved.

Women had been feeling suffocated in the depths of the pit, with nothing left to lose but their lives. Thanthai Periyar's egalitarian and social justice philosophies were like the oxygen support these women got. The current regime is a great opportunity to take Thanthai Periyar's women empowerment ideas to everyone as an emergency aid.

Periyar made the women realise that they were slaves in the caste-dominated social structure and unleashed them. When the women wanted to fly in the sky of freedom, this Government gave social welfare programs which are women empowerment programs as wings to them.

The New-age Women through the lens of Perarignar Anna

Perarignar Anna is not the one who spoke about social welfare politics after coming to power, but he came to power because he spoke about it. In all his works, from those written during his times with Periyar, he highlighted the changes to be achieved in women's lives such as women's emancipation, women's education, marriage rights, widow remarriage, women's economic progress and property rights in a style that could be easily understood by all.

During the two years of governance by Perarignar Anna, the political will of the Dravidian movement's citadel in history was established. When the self-respect of women was put at stake by the chants sung in an unknown language by a group of crooked people, Periyar brought in the self-respect marriage. Perarignar Anna made legislation for Periyar's Self Respect Marriages and affirmed the dignity of women.

Even after forty years, Tamil society witnessed with amazement, the rise of a son to fulfil his father's wish. Throughout history, when the self-respect of women was questioned based on rituals and traditional myths, from 1928 onwards Periyar liberated them in the social platform; In 1968, Perarignar Anna gave it equal recognition in the eyes of the law. The opportunity to see the new-age women characters in Anna's works starting to exist in society as well got halted with his death.

The protection of women's lives

As the Olympic torch changes hands, Anna received the torches of rationalism, self-respect and equality from Periyar. With the death of Anna, it passed into the hands of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar. A society that saw women as a thing to be prepared for marriage right from the moment of her birth, a society with the unshakable belief that a woman's safety lies in her husband's home; but are women mere sex objects? What is the use of the existence of illiterate women in society? Such questions raised by Periyar across the streets of Tamil Nadu were all answered by Kalaignar in the State Legislative Assembly.

While society failed to cherish the value of women's education, in this society where slave mentality and domineering attitude were rampant, Muthamizharignar Kalaignar brought education to women through marriage which was an important part of their life. He implemented numerous marriage assistance schemes. But to benefit from those schemes, the girls needed to be educated and this increased the percentage of female education in Tamil Nadu.

Changing the perspective that women are safe only by marriage, husband's house and family, Muthamizharignar affirmed through his laws that education, employment, property rights, and self-help groups for financial independence can provide life security. Muthamizharignar Kalaignar has paved the way for the long-term progress of women through social, economic and political legislations made in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, which are so numerous that it exhausts one to list them.

Dravidian Model Government aims for equality

The fundamental principle of the Dravidian movement is to treat everyone equally. However, this society is not an egalitarian society. One thing we need to understand deeply in an unequal society is, "The unequal cannot be treated equally". As per the above-said statement, for the Dravidian movement and especially, the Dravidian Model Governments have their principal task which is to make the society egalitarian. The general society which has belief in rationalistic thinking needs to remove not only the Varna system-based hierarchy but also gender-based discrimination.

But the men at the top of the gender hierarchy could not even dream of a situation where men and women were equal in everything. Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin took charge as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on May 6, 2021, as an expression of the determination to achieve it in the present life with no more need for mere dreams.

We cannot say that this Government was the first to bring laws and schemes for the benefit of women. But one thing can be said for sure. The 'Dravidian model' of the present regime is the model to be followed by anyone who wants to plan for the progress of women in the social, economic and political aspects of the Indian subcontinent in the coming period.

Women's self-esteem should be the lifeline of women's welfare. It is very important for women to gain a sense of self-respect and to defend and

protect the sense of identity gained by the Dravidian movement. Individuals doing both of these works are different; It is of historical importance that a state Government is leading these by standing at the forefront. The Government of Tamil Nadu has got such a historical distinction.

Eye-catching and tempting announcements and manifestos for electoral success came in from all parties. The election manifestos of the Union and state Governments in the past were only full of empty slogans raised in the election campaigns. But today's Dravidian model Government has paved the way for achieving the next level of gender equality by implementing programmes which include those it had said and beyond that as well, for the welfare of women in these two years of office.

As the wings spread!

At every stage of life, this society will try to hinder the development of women as much as it can. In this way, one of the biggest hurdles for women going to school, college and working women is transportation. As women are less in number than men in private use of motor vehicles and for safety reasons, women rely heavily on public transport.

So far, no Government has approached women's use of public transport from a social, structural or economic perspective.

"Half of the money you earn is spent on bus fares. Stay at home, don't go to work any more", and "Come straight home after college, if you go to another place for extra classes, you will have to pay more for the bus" became voices that disrupt the connection between women and social development.

Women are accustomed to walking long distances in rural areas without using a private vehicle. They would have been brought up with the mentality that the money earned by working as a wage earner need not be wasted on transportation. Many women work hard and start walking home before exhaustion takes over. Women's bus use is not about their individual development. It involves the social and economic growth of a state and considering this widespread perspective, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu came up with the "Free Travel for Women in Government Urban Buses" scheme.

Women rejoiced at the announcement of such a scheme by the Government immediately after taking charge. The moment the announcement was made, those with a domineering mentality started targeting the scheme. Those who had not spared a thought for the extreme economic recession, suddenly became expert economists. But, Shreya Gadepali, Head of the South Asia Program of the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP) answers those who criticized this scheme. According to a study by the ITDP India project in early 2020, female bus commuters in

Chennai cited affordability and safety as their biggest concerns.

"They have less access to private motor vehicles than men and rely more on public transport. Free public transport will empower women and give them greater access to jobs and education and make them more productive members of society", she said.

Readers may wonder how this program will empower women. According to the 2011 census data, working women contribute only 31.8% of the labour force participation rate, while men account for 59.3% of the labour force participation rate. By increasing the labour participation rate of women, the economic growth of the state can be increased. Transportation is critical to women's higher education needs, and by facilitating it and saving on transportation costs economically, women's socio, economic status will improve. It will indirectly improve the economic development of the state.

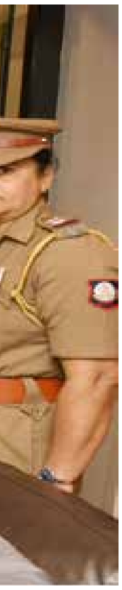
Women who had been oppressed due to family, society and psychological barriers, differently-abled persons, and alternate sexualities are all flying with wings spread wide to the sound of "Stalin's Bus is coming!".

The doors of freedom have been opened

The Dravidian people, the owners of the land, were denied education for fear that the slaves would gain self-esteem if they developed a sense of questioning. An expression of the same reason, women's education was banned by male dominance. Despite that girls did come to study after crossing such barriers. But even today, one of the first victims of the household's poor economic condition is the education of women. The reason is the idea that a woman's marriage can be done by giving more jewels if there is no education and on the one hand, the idea that more expenditure for the education of a woman who is about to go to another home need not be done. The Hon'ble Chief Minister's 'Pudhumai Penn' scheme has put an end to all kinds of such thoughts.

The understanding is that if the education rate of women who constitute an equal part of the population decreases, not only will the quality of life of women decrease but so will the development index of the country. Under the Higher Education Guarantee Scheme by providing an education incentive of Rs.1,000 per month to those students who have studied Classes 6 to 12 in Government Schools, the Government of Tamil Nadu has opened to them all the door to freedom, which is education.

In the first phase, Rs.69.44 crore has been provided by the Government in the last 5 months for this project. Through this scheme, 12,000 dropouts have resumed higher education. In the last five years, 10,146 girl students who were



unable to pursue higher education due to family poverty have started pursuing their higher education through the Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Higher Education Assurance Scheme. Above all, the number of girl students enrolling in higher education has increased by 29 percent as a result of the scheme. This is proof of the success of this project!

There is no doubt that the results of this program and the change in the social development index will amaze the people of Tamil Nadu in another decade. The reason is that this scheme will prevent child marriage, increase enrolment in Government schools, increase the enrolment rate of girls from Government schools to higher education institutions, increase the self-confidence of women and not just the social welfare index, and there will be increased economic growth as well when graduated women go to work.

One of the world's most talked-about schemes

In the journey of women's liberation, first and foremost is the recognition of women's talents, efforts, thoughts and activities. Throughout history, women working at home have never received recognition from either family or society. Even though they start their day before dawn and do household chores till late at night, it was addressed as "She's simply there at home!".

The International Labour Organization classifies women who do family work and household chores as "unpaid care workers". The work done by these women is not recognized as labour, in any form. When the family and society have failed to do so, the Government of Tamil Nadu has announced "Rs.1,000 as monthly allowance for the women heads of the family" which is a very subtle socio-cultural view.

Moreover, the hard work of such women is not yet accounted for in domestic production. Therefore, the fact that this scheme has become a talking point not only in other states in India but also on the world stage, is the pinnacle of the achievement of the Dravidian model Government .

It's not a privilege, it's rights and development!

Since the day of assuming charge, by the way of saying "I'm there, you proceed ahead", the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has been devising and implementing all kinds of schemes for women. In the spirit of the Dravidian movement that no one should think or talk about any of the schemes offered, as concessions, he says aloud during the introduction of each scheme, "The rise of women leads to the progress of the society". The status of women has been progressing each day with numerous schemes such as the ones mentioned below:

- New Colleges for Women
- New Women's Police Station
- 40% reservation in Government jobs
- Rs.25,000 crore loan for women
- Waiver of loans for Self-Help Groups
- 50% for Women in Local Government Elections Reservation
- 11 Women Mayors in Corporation
- 12 months of maternity leave
- Accommodation facility for working women

In a society where, be it at whatever level, women are threatened with sexual violence and harassment, the Hon'ble Chief Minister's statement in the Legislative Assembly that the person who engages in crimes against women will be severely punished, even if the perpetrator is a member of his party depicts his courageous governance which has made Tamil Nadu stand first in the list of states which are safest for women. In the battle for women's empowerment, we can be sure that the Government of Tamil Nadu stands solidly with us and extends its fullest support to the cause.

May the status of women rise!

May the Dravidian Model of Government continue!

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Healthy Tamil Nadu: Everything for All

Doctor **B.M. Yazhini**

To achieve the lofty goal of 'health for all', a new programme called 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam' to provide health services at people's homes was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. M.K. Stalin on August 5, 2021, at Chamalapalli Village in Krishnagiri District.

On September 29, 2021, Muthamizharignar Kalaignar's 'Varumun Kappom' programme was re-launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Thiru. M.K. Stalin at Vazhapadi, Salem District. A total of 16 specialists in General Medicine, Surgery, Gastroenterology, Paediatrics, Ophthalmology, Otolaryngology and Psychiatry are involved in the scheme.

In view of India's 75th Indian Independence Day, all the States and Union Territories conducted tests for non-communicable diseases across the country from Nov. 16, 2021 to December 12, 2021. Accordingly, the Government of Tamil Nadu received the award for carrying out the largest number of tests for non-communicable diseases in India, with around 29.8 lakh tests.

In the above three cases, there is a significant message besides the fact that the medical sector of our State is working well. That being said, these three pieces of news are proof of the vision of the Government of Tamil Nadu.

A Changing Tamil Nadu and the Chief Minister's policy slogan

In India, Tamil Nadu was the first major state to undergo massive urbanization. Despite changing living conditions and the Government's strong commitment to the prevention of communicable diseases in the last several decades, the number of people suffering from non-communicable diseases and dying is more than those dying from communicable diseases.

Back then the DMK Government led by Muthamizharignar Kalaignar realized this change. On December 30, 2006, when the Government came to power, they started the 'Varumun Kappom' scheme. From 2006 to 2011, 1,71,05,000 people benefited from 18,742 medical camps.

According to a 2017 article published in the prestigious Lancet medical journal, "Nations within a nation: variations in epidemiological transition across the States of India, 1990-2016 in the Global Burden of Disease Study", infectious and malnutrition-related diseases, complications during childbirth, the number of people affected by health problems in infants and the proportion of people suffering from communicable diseases in the 1990s was almost 2 in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Odisha, 1.02 in Tamil Nadu and 0.42 in Kerala. In 2016, the ratio was 0.66 in Rajasthan, 0.60 in Madhya Pradesh, 0.68 in Uttar Pradesh, 0.58 in Odisha, 0.26 in Tamil Nadu and 0.16 in Kerala.

What we need to know from this is that people all over India suffer from infectious diseases. In such an environment, we need to create a health infrastructure for Tamil Nadu's future population. Our Government has taken such effective action.

Now let's look at the situation we are in more clearly.

The number of people over 60 years in our population is increasing every year.

As the birth rate has declined significantly over the past few decades, the number of young adults responsible for caring for their ageing parents will also increase. The age of couples having their first child is also increasing.

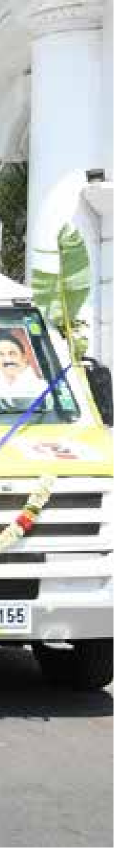
The number of elderly people living beyond 70-80 years is increasing. All over India the number of those suffering from non-infectious diseases is rising.

In such an environment, we need to address the future medical infrastructure needs of the people of Tamil Nadu. Such a mammoth measure has been taken up by our Government.

❖ Schemes to improve hospital infrastructure to provide tertiary care, district-wise.

❖ Well-designed Government insurance schemes.

❖ Schemes for imparting higher education in medicine at Government medical colleges and



placing such highly trained doctors in Government hospitals.

❖ 'Muthamizharignar Kalaignar's 'Varumun Kappom' scheme and 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam' scheme detect and treat infectious diseases at an early stage.

❖ Visionary initiatives such as India's pioneering 'Innuyir Kaappom' scheme and other such initiatives have been matched with the 'everything for all' slogan of the Hon'ble Chief Minister M.K.Stalin.

Dravidian model

Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission Vice Chairman Dr. J. Jayaranjan says about the Dravidian model that regardless of the type of opportunity denied to the people, it is the political process that creates opportunities. It includes land, housing, education, food and art, and makes everyone participate in these, creating social change. The movement that has improved the economy as a result of that change is the DMK.

Moreover he said that the 50 years of development of Tamil Nadu cannot be understood only by numbers, and he emphasized that only if there is an understanding of how this development has been democratized through social changes and the working philosophy of this movement, the meaning of the term 'Dravidian Model' which is being popularised by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin can also be understood. He said this to emphasize the meaning of 'Dravidian Model'.

The medical framework and the ongoing legal battle

We do not have to go far to see the Dravidian model's success. Our Government hospitals and primary health centres have never suffered from human resource shortages. This is because in the Dravidian Model Government, there is a clear definition of what 'merit' is, intertwined with social goods.

According to our model, for those who join to work in Government posts at Primary Health Centres and in rural areas after completion of the MBBS course, preference is given to them for 50% of seats in Post-graduation (M.D./M.S.) and super speciality courses (D.M./M.Ch.). Thus, human resource has been enhanced, and also our medical infrastructure got continuous human resource and more increased quality of care was available to our people. This is why doctors providing multi-purpose advanced treatment are present in secondary cities beyond large cities like Chennai, Madurai and Coimbatore.

In order to save this structure from disintegration, our Government of Tamil Nadu is engaged in a continuous legal battle to prevent the Union Government's intervention in student admissions. Also, DMK has been campaigning for social justice in all Indian medical admissions.

This is the reason why the Tamil Nadu Government and DMK oppose the NEET exam for MBBS admission. In the name of meritocracy, the exam destroys the environment for first-generation doctors to develop, forcing poor, rural and urban students to spend money and time on the exam. In particular, the selection system is against the majority of Backward Castes, Scheduled Castes and Tribes, especially female students.

Supreme Court Judges Justice D.Y. Chandrachud and Justice A.S. Bopanna delivered an important message about merit in a landmark judgement which stated that reservation of seats for Other Backward Persons should be followed in the All India Quota for undergraduate and postgraduate medical and dental courses. The message said that "Merit should be socially contextualised and reconceptualised as an instrument that advances social goods like equality that we value as a society".

So, the Government of Tamil Nadu and DMK are opposing the NEET exam. It is against social justice and anti-selective to our medical structure.

50% reservation for Government doctors in super speciality medical studies is a policy decision taken by the Government of Tamil Nadu. This is to continuously provide excellent human resources to our state as mentioned earlier. The Government of Tamil Nadu is engaged in a determined legal battle to face the dilemma that arose due to the Union Government's policy decision of removing this. The Government of Tamil Nadu succeeded in upholding its policy decision.

Another news worth mentioning is that even when DMK was the opposition party from 2011 to 2021, it actively opposed the Union Government's interventions, especially in the medical structure. It also entrusted the then-ruling party to take clear and firm policy decisions so that our state rights are not lost.

The Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam led by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru.M.K.Stalin has been taking strong decisions as the ruling party, similar to how it did when it was the opposition, that in the NEET examination and postgraduate medical courses, student selection in super speciality courses should be based on social justice and that human resource development programmes should not be cancelled by any kind of interference.

As an example for India, the Justice Girirajan Committee has prepared a report on why NEET should be abolished. This was submitted to the court and the People's Forum.

Corona Pandemic and quick Management of the Government

Our Government of Tamil Nadu effectively handled the Corona Pandemic from the first day of coming to power. When the DMK was in the

opposition, during the pandemic, the party structure helped the people in need through the slogan 'Ondrinaivom Vaa'.

Immediately after coming to power, increased the number of beds in hospitals to deal with the COVID pandemic, creation of COVID wards for the treatment of those affected by the COVID pandemic, and Rs.4,000 per family card as financial assistance to help the livelihood of the people, procurement of life-saving medicines for the people and especially the production and distribution of medical grade oxygen for the needs of COVID affected persons, the DMK Government took a multi-pronged action including an all-party committee to advise the Government on this pandemic.

In addition to this, the Government machinery was accelerated to get people to take the Covishield and Covaxin vaccines. The vaccines were requested and obtained from the Union Government. Thus, people's health was protected during the pandemic through the widespread use of the vaccine.

In addition, the Government ensured the supply of life-saving drugs and oxygen, ensured that private hospitals did not increase treatment fees during the pandemic and protected the people. Also, procurement irregularities were detected and corrected during the COVID pandemic and directed Government expenditure towards the people which is a huge achievement.

While the COVID pandemic has largely been brought under control, the health department found that deaths due to heart attacks, heart problems, etc., have increased after the pandemic. Recently, the Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare Thiru.Ma. Subramanian announced that research regarding this factor will be conducted.

Also, the Hon'ble Minister assured us in the legislative assembly debates that the health department's administrative machinery is all set and ready to face the COVID-19 wave. Talking to reporters later, he said we have 64,281 beds ready. These beds include 33,644 beds with oxygen supply, 22,820 beds without oxygen supply and 7,797 beds in the intensive care unit.

Along with that, while saying that our oxygen production capacity is currently 2,067 metric

tonnes, he assured that there are 342 RT-PCR testing centres across the state to detect COVID infection and through this, 3 lakh tests can be done in a day.

Future-oriented Dravidian model vision

Every Government Department upholds the policy slogan of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru.M.K.Stalin which says "Everything for all" by making the Government machinery function as per the changing needs.

Aiming at controlling communicable diseases, early detection of such diseases and prevention of health complications, home delivery of blood pressure/diabetes medicines to people aged 45 years and above, taking care of kidney patients to diagnosing and reporting birth defects in children, the 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam' scheme was launched to provide a 360-degree perspective on the health of the family.

The study by researchers abroad says that in this way, when medicines are delivered at home, people will have confidence in medicine and they will report their health problems without fear. The Government has planned a programme to control infectious diseases, thereby improving the quality of life of the people, preventing them from spending out of their pocket on health, and ensuring that the economic status of the family that cares for them does not get affected.

The 'Kalaignarin Varumun Kappom' scheme has been reintroduced to help the poor people identify their diseases and treat them earlier through specialized doctors.

The 'Innuyir Kaappom' scheme is a life-saving programme launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to reduce road accident deaths and the unexpected and unmanageable expenses incurred by families. In this, the 'Nammai Kaakkum-48' scheme

addresses treatment delay after an accident and aims to provide immediate treatment. This will greatly reduce life loss.

Also, all those affected by road accidents within Tamil Nadu, i.e., Tamil Nadu residents, people from other states, migrants and foreigners have benefited from this scheme. This 'Innuyir Kappom' scheme is seen as a modern form of 'Jeeva Karunya' taught by Vallalar.

As people are greatly benefiting from the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Medical Insurance Scheme, our Government has extended this scheme for another 5 years. In addition, the annual family income ceiling has been increased from Rs.72,000 to Rs.1,20,000 for the majority of members of the scheme.

The foundation stone was laid by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on March 21, 2022, for the upcoming multi-super speciality hospital in South Chennai to provide high-quality treatment to the people.

The Government is constantly investing to make high-quality modern treatment available to the people. As an extension of this, the Stem Cell Research Centre, Department of Regenerative Medicine and Research, located in Government Stanley Medical College, Chennai has been developed. A state-of-the-art robotic surgery centre to perform difficult surgeries with precision has been inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister at the Tamil Nadu Government Multi Super Speciality Hospital set up in Omandurar Government Estate Complex, Chennai, on March 15, 2022.

It is well known that Tamil Nadu excels in maternal and child welfare. Additionally, comprehensive emergency maternity and neonatal care centres were established to provide comprehensive emergency services for pregnant women and newborns. The Government supports these Department of Health policy decisions firmly. Also, Tamil Nadu performs well on health indicators like infant and maternal mortality rates. Out of 1,804 primary health centres in Tamil Nadu, 1,776 primary health centres have introduced 24-hour delivery care services.

Importantly, during this time when state rights are being lost due to the activities of the Union Government, our Government of Tamil Nadu is engaged in continuous legal struggles to protect our medical infrastructure from decay, to create an environment for all in the medical field, and to provide high-quality medical services to all of our medical sectors.

Thus, by implementing the Dravidian model Government and taking forward the policy slogan of our Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and President of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, Thiru.M.K.Stalin which says 'everything for all', Tamil Nadu is marching towards becoming the state with the best medical infrastructure in South and South East Asia.

For our Tamil Nadu and our Tamil people to live a better quality of life with better health, as Government investments are increased in the health sector, immense efforts were taken and investments made by our Hon'ble Chief Minister towards improving the road infrastructure, improving the quality of public transport (bus, metro), afforestation, creating dense forests in cities, conserving water bodies, establishing infrastructure for seawater treatment and waste water reuse to combat drought, water supply, sewage disposal and flood water draining and solid waste management, to give us our 'Singara Chennai'. Thus, it is not an exaggeration to say that our leader Thiru.M.K.Stalin, along with others, is creating the Tamil Nadu of tomorrow, which shall ensure 'everything for all'.

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Dravidian Model Government: a dream of two centuries

Suriya Krishnamurthi

Most of the Indian subcontinent was under the East India Company rule. In order to facilitate administration, it created three presidencies namely Madras, Bombay, and Bengal, and appointed governors for each.

Following this, in 1773, the Regulating Act was passed in the British Parliament. The Act elevated the Bengal Governor to Governor-General of Bengal. The Governors of other presidencies lost their authority and subsumed Madras and Bombay under the Bengal presidency's control.

Two-and-a-half centuries have passed since the first grabbing of rights and power concentration after province creation.

The Madras and Bombay provinces which had lost their say raised their voice for their rights and this resonated in the British Parliament. In 1853, the British Parliament constituted the Commission for the Study of central administrative relations.

Even if we start the history of provincial rights from this event, we can discuss the 170 years of state rights advocacy. It was only in 1858 that India came under the direct control of the British Government under the East India Company. This was on Queen Victoria's proclamation. Thus the history of provincial/state rights struggles is longer than that of British India.

The struggle between the British-dominated Governor General and the British provincial governors, the provincial autonomy demanded by the Congress until the Constituent Assembly debate as a co-demand for Indianisation against the British Indian Government, the provincial/state autonomy discussed during the Constituent Assembly debate, and raised in the post-1967 period when different Governments started to form in the Union and the states, the poles, faces, forms and inputs of this domain of rights have all changed over time.

The battle between Calcutta and Chennai on that day is happening between Delhi and Chennai today. The debate between the Central Government and the Provincial Governments then takes place between the Union and the States. Today, the State Chief Ministers are raising the voice raised back then by the provincial governors.

No other major changes have occurred, but instead, crises have increased. Respecting the provincial Governors' right to vote, the Commission of Inquiry in 1853 included provincial representatives in the Governor-General's executive committee. But today we live in a time when such victories are unthinkable.

At a time when strong voices in the state rights arena had completely faded away, on a day surrounded by fear, hopelessness, disbelief and a sense of being forsaken, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu established the 'Dravidian Model' Government.

In the face of the entire state autonomy voice of history, our Chief Minister has come to the place of reviving and leading the state autonomy movement in these two years.

The term state autonomy is not new to Tamil Nadu, it has been the central theme of Tamil Nadu politics for seventy years.

Asked what our role in the Constituent Assembly was, Periyar decried the devolution of power between the Union and the states as worse than the arrangement in British India, and that even the minimum powers given to the provinces were given in the name of the Governor, a move that made the elected Governmenta puppet.

Perarignar Anna thought that state autonomy was so important that he came to power to take the problems of this powerless system to the people. In a packed house of the Indian Parliament, he demanded the right to self-determination, making the Rajpath of Delhi tremble. He is also the one who centered the debates at the power level and made it the main talking point of Tamil Nadu politics. Above all, his life's message was state autonomy.

Muthamizharignar Kalaignar gave a formal form to the arbitrary, spontaneous and haphazard arguments through the Rajamannar Commission and passed it in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly to make the state's autonomy a Government record.

We are facing the Golden Jubilee of the Rajamannar Commission and the tumultuous debates surrounding it. In this half-century the inputs of state autonomy arguments have undergone considerable changes.

The most prominent argument of the day was the arbitrary dissolution of elected state Governments with Article 356 of the Constitution. The situation has changed after the verdict in the S. R. Bommai case.

Demands for increasing the taxing powers of the states were at the fore then, and today the state Governments are losing their taxing powers. We are in a dark age where almost even Parliament has lost that right.

We have experienced two major changes in the economy, the neo-liberal wave after the nineties, and the rise of religious fundamentalism in politics.

So the time has come to redefine our state autonomy arguments that have passed fifty years.

Our Chief Minister is the one who proposes the input changes that the times demand and carries it forward across the country. As a platform for this, the 'Dravidian Model' Government has been functioning in these two years.

Southern Council Meeting

The 30th South Zone Council meeting was held on 3rd September 2022 at Thiruvananthapuram.

The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's speech in this is the basic document for the modern-day state autonomy dialogue. Three main points are presented in this paper.

1. Extension of Relief Fund and GST Compensation to States

The manufacturing states including Tamil Nadu were deprived of our taxation rights on the basis of the guarantee of compensation for five years based on the revenue received in 2015-2016 at 14% growth for each financial year.

Tamil Nadu has faced the highest revenue loss in the country with compensation amounting to Rs. 40,000 crore.

Tamil Nadu asks what is the justification for granting compensation only for five years when the states have not lost their right to levy taxes for

five years only. Thus, the Hon'ble Chief Minister requests further extension of GST compensation.

2. Claiming share for states in Government assets sold to private individuals.

Over the years, the situation of selling national assets including public sector companies, airports, which have been gradually created, has been actively promoted by the Union Government in the last few years.

During the creation of the above assets, the lands were acquired and given for lease by the State Governments. Therefore, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has emphasized that while selling them to private individuals, the value and share of those lands should be given to the state Governments.

The 'Dravidian model' Government has created huge debates in the country by presenting the unthinkable.

3. Timely clearance of business investment agreements with foreign countries to request

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has demanded that the state Governments themselves should make arrangements for entering into contracts, including industry, between the state Governments and foreign agencies.

"Foreign companies, embassies and ministers should develop a process plan for entering into MoUs sometimes between states. At the same time, the Ministry of External Affairs should give due approval and clearance certifications for this without delay. MoUs related to industries, educational institutions, industrial developments. There should be a process plan to simplify the making of agreements" was his strong argument.

The Chief Minister explained the message that state autonomy is the basis for development through the Council meeting for India.

Public Conversations with the Prime Minister

For the first time after the Dravidian model Government took charge. Hon'ble Prime Minister attended the Government function on May 26, 2022.

After the disbanding of the Planning Commission, which was the forum for discussing financial allocations between the Union and state Governments, the space for the states to discuss their demands had faded.

In this context, the Chief Minister raised various demands for the welfare of the people of Tamil Nadu in the presence of the public to the Hon'ble Prime Minister in the Government program.

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History has recorded each of those demands as immovable milestones in the great journey of state autonomy.

1. Less allocation to Tamil Nadu which contributes more

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India knows that Tamil Nadu is a major contributor to the development of our country and the financial resources of the Union Government. The share of Tamil Nadu in India's gross domestic growth is 9.22 percent. The share of Tamil Nadu in the total tax revenue of the Union Government is 5 percent. Tamil Nadu's share in India's total exports is 8.4 percent, 19.4 percent of textile exports and 33 percent of leather goods exports. But the share available to Tamil Nadu from the Union Government is only 1.21%, the Chief Minister argued that it should be increased for Tamil Nadu.

In the voice of the Dravidian movement of that day, "North lives, South dies", he asked with determination, "Is it worth deceiving the South that makes lives thrive?"

2. Schemes implemented jointly by the Union Government and the State Government

Under Article 282 of the Constitution of India, the Union Government and the State Governments are empowered to implement schemes in collaboration with each other, even in their non-scheduled powers.

Based on this, the Union Government has been providing funds and implementing Union-State Government merger schemes in the State List or Concurrent List.

It is an attempt to limit the powers of states through funding. These projects, which were at a very low level, grew to the extent of 23 percent of the overall financial allocation in the last financial year 2021-2022.

It was at this stage that in these amalgamation schemes, the trend began to gradually reduce the amount promised by the Union Government at the beginning of the scheme, putting a heavy financial burden on the States.

Pointing this out, the Hon'ble Chief Minister emphasized that the Union Government should ensure that the promised amount is disbursed till the end of the scheme.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister's Crop Insurance Scheme was launched with 49 per cent Union share, 49 per cent State share and 2 per cent beneficiary share. Today, the share of the Union Government has reduced to 25 percent, and the State Government s have to bear the financial burden due to this.

This is almost the case with many schemes implemented jointly by the Union and State Governments.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu spoke publicly about this issue on which everybody was silent and confirmed that the powerful voice of state autonomy is the voice of the 'Dravidian Model' Government.

3. GST Arrears

Huge arrears of GST amount sharing and compensation continue to be held by the Union Government after states lost their right to levy taxes.

Referring to this, Tamil Nadu had to receive the GST dues worth Rs.14,006 crore from the Union

Government till 15.05.2022. The Chief Minister demanded that it be released immediately.

In the next four days, the Union Government released a total of Rs. 85,912 crore of GST compensation due to the states. The voicing out of rights done by the Dravidian Model of Government provided funding to all states in India.

Subsequently, the Chief Minister requested the Hon'ble Prime Minister, when he visited Gandhigram University's graduation ceremony on 11.07.2022, to transfer education to the state list. Emphasizing the same demand, DMK Member of the Legislature Dr. Na Ezhilan filed a case through a private trust. DMK Member of Parliament Senior Advocate Thiru.N.R. Ilango argued this case.

Education in the concurrent list remains a potent symbol of crisis-era injustice. The Chief Minister, who is a powerful symbol of the same crisis-era struggles has been insisting that the effects and consequences of this are serious, and therefore education should be transferred back to the state list.

At present, on 08.04.2023, to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, who was on an official visit to Tamil Nadu, the Hon'ble Chief Minister said, "If there is to be true federalism in the union, the states should be autonomous, our leaders, Perarinjar Anna and Muthamizharignar Kalaignar have been emphasizing.

Isn't it ridiculous to put all the strength in the upper part of a hall and put weak pillars to support the hall? asked Kalaignar.

"As the states are the closest to the people, the duty of fulfilling the needs of the people is more on the states. Therefore, the funds and the cooperation of the Union Government in fulfilling the needs of the people is very much needed for the states". Thus, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has recorded the long-time argument of the Dravidian movement regarding the basic needs of state autonomy.

Every time the Hon'ble Prime Minister comes to Tamil Nadu and every time the Chief Minister meets the Prime Minister, the Hon'ble Chief Minister continues to take the lesson of state autonomy for the whole of India in the 'Dravidian Model' Government.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister is recording a powerful voice in the history of independent India to save the dignity of legislatures all over India.

The Chief Minister has raised his voice for the sovereignty of the legislatures saying that "it is not democratic honour to give the legislature the power to make and execute the law and give the right to sign the assent to an appointed governor."

The concept of state autonomy is not only about power but also about the dignity of the states and by extension, the self-esteem of the people of the state.

Our Chief Minister is a descendant of those who saw the movement for self-respect centuries ago, and that is why he stands tall as the progenitor of the ideal of state autonomy.

He was the one who summarized the arguments of state autonomy written in thousands of pages in a single word 'Union' (Ondriyam).

Descendants of those who cringed when Anna called 'Tamil Nadu', are also cringing when his younger brothers say 'Ondriyam'. As Tamil Nadu grew due to the 'politics of Tamil Nadu', the day is not far from when India will grow due to the politics of 'Union'.

The constitutional solution suggested by Tamil Nadu for India's development, unity and self-respect of the states is 'State Autonomy'. Our Hon'ble Chief Minister has made it his task to fight for it every day.

The continuation of the voice of state autonomy, which began two centuries ago, was successful even in his time, which is our justification for the term democracy.

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